



Target Audience: Nursing

Ethics for Professionals 103

As health care professionals you recognize your moral and legal responsibility to interact with patients and their families, peers, employers, government agencies and third party payors with a firm ethical stance. A part of every health provider's education is ethical awareness and the legal and moral correlates that go along with it. It is important to continually review and reflect on all the decisions that are made every day in clinical practice that, at their core, are ethical decisions.

This 5 module program covers the "soup to nuts" of professional ethics using real life scenarios and problem solving to introduce, explain and cause reflection on many aspects of clinical care. Each module is self-contained, covering a different aspect of professional ethics.

103. A Six-Step Process of Ethical Decision Making in Arriving at a Caring Response

- a. A Six-Step Process of Ethical Decision Making
- b. The Six Step Process (continued)
- c. Ethical Dimensions of Professional Roles
- d. Surviving Professional Life Ethically
- e. The Six-Step Process as a Student
- f. The Professional Continuum

Learning Objectives:

- Identify six steps in the analysis of ethical problems encountered in everyday professional life and how each plays a part in arriving at a caring response.
- Describe the central role of narrative and virtue theories in gathering relevant information for a caring response.
- List four areas of inquiry that will be useful when gathering relevant information to make sure you have the story straight.
- Describe the role of conduct-related ethical theories and approaches in arriving at a caring response.
- Describe why imagination is an essential aspect of seeking out the practical alternatives in an ethically challenging situation.
- Explain how courage assists you in a caring response.
- Identify two benefits of taking time to reflect on and evaluate the action afterward.

A) Criteria for earned credit:

- o Once started, a course must be completed within that licensing cycle in which it was started.

- To earn the approved contact hours of credit the participant must complete the reading of all materials and correctly answer all quiz questions.
- The participant must complete the course evaluation questionnaire.
- Courses have a timer that does not allow a participant to proceed through the program in less than the allotted time. Utilizing the Mastery approach to learning, there are quiz questions throughout the course that reinforce the key concepts of the course. Questions must be answered correctly to proceed through the course.

B) Disclosure of Conflicts of interest

- The planners and presenters report no conflict of interest and agree to present the material of this course without bias or promotion

C) Any sponsorship or commercial support

- This program has not received financial support from any commercial interest.

D) Non-endorsement

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