

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BOZEMAN
COLLEGE OF NURSING
Master Resource Outline
NRS612 Ethics, Law, and Policy for Advocacy in Healthcare

Credits: 3 (lecture)

Semester Offered: Spring

Prerequisites: none

Degree: MN, DNP

DNP Essentials: I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII

Graduate Program Objectives: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Course Description: The graduate nursing student will integrate knowledge of bioethics, current legal issues, ethical comportment, clinical decision-making, and functions of law and policy analysis as applied to clinical practice. Principles of accountability, responsibility, autonomy, and interdisciplinary collaboration within a dynamic healthcare environment will be integrated throughout the course.

Course Objectives:

1. Critically analyze health policy proposals, health policies, and related issues from the perspective of consumers, nursing, other health professions, and other stakeholders in policy and public forums.
2. Demonstrate leadership in the development and implementation of institutional, local, state, federal, and/or international health policy.
3. Demonstrate understanding of legal and regulatory issues as they relate to APRN practice.
4. Educate others regarding nursing, health policy, and patient care outcomes.
5. Advocate for the nursing profession within the policy and healthcare communities.
6. Develop, evaluate, and provide leadership for health care policy that shapes healthcare financing, regulation, and delivery.
7. Advocate for social justice, equity, and ethical policies within all healthcare arenas.
8. Examine philosophical and moral bases of issues related to APRN practice.
9. Analyze past, current, and proposed issues related to the law and healthcare practices.

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