

Reese Campus

### Course Syllabus

COURSE: HPRS 1205.200 14/3S (2:2:0) Essentials of Medical Law/Ethics for Health Professionals  
(2 Credit Hours)  
SEMESTER: Summer Session I 2015 (June – August; 10 Week Semester)  
CLASS TIMES: Thursdays 9:30am-12:00pm (Lecture only course, no lab)  
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Blackboard is an e-Education platform designed to enable educational innovations everywhere by connecting people and technology. This educational tool will be used in this course throughout the semester.

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## GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is an introduction to the relationship between legal aspects and ethics in health care, with emphasis on responsibilities of health care professionals.

### STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students will:

Explain the ethical obligations of health care professionals; examine hypothetical problems, discuss legal and ethical issues in health care; and identify governmental regulations C-4, C-5, C-6, C-7, C-8, C-9, C-10, C-11, C-12, C-13, C-14, C-15, C-16, C-17, F-1, F-2, F-5, F-6, F-7, F-8, F-9, F-10, F-11, F-12, F-13, F-14, F-15, F-16, F-17

### COURSE OBJECTIVES -

#### The Cognitive Domain Objectives:

- Identify and discuss the rights of the health care consumer
- Describe the process used to obtain an informed consent for surgical treatment and discuss the legal restrictions involved
- Demonstrate an understanding of common legal terms used in the health care field
- Demonstrate understanding of governmental and regulatory agency and risk management requirements
- Cite examples of ethical situations, problems, and solutions in the health care setting

#### The Psychomotor Domain Objectives:

- None

### **The Affective Domain Objectives:**

- Discuss the principle of documentation in the health care environment
- Interpret ethical, moral, and legal responsibility
- Interpret legal responsibilities of the surgical technologist and other surgical team member

### **INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS**

Methods of Instruction may include:

1. Lecture
1. Discussion
2. Audio-Visual
3. Reading assignments
4. Written assignments
5. Exams
6. Class Presentation

### **OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT METHODS**

Assessment methods for this course are both formative and summative.

#### **Formative assessments include:**

- Discussions
- Quizzes
- Exams
- Student presentations
- Classroom activities

#### **Summative assessment will be:**

- Comprehensive final exam

### **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

It is the aim of the faculty of South Plains College to foster a spirit of complete honesty and a high standard of integrity. The attempt of any student to present as his or her own any work which he or she has not honestly performed is regarded by the faculty and administration as a most serious offense and renders the offender liable to serious consequences, possibly suspension.

**Cheating** - Dishonesty of any kind on examinations or on written assignments, illegal possession of examinations, the use of unauthorized notes during an examination, obtaining information during an examination from the textbook or from the examination paper of another student, assisting others to cheat, alteration of grade records, illegal entry or unauthorized presence in the office are examples of cheating. Complete honesty is required of the student in the presentation of any and all phases of coursework. This applies to quizzes of whatever length, as well as final examinations, to daily reports and to term papers.

**Plagiarism** - Offering the work of another as one's own, without proper acknowledgment, is plagiarism; therefore, any student who fails to give credit for quotations or essentially identical expression of material taken from books, encyclopedias, magazines and other reference works, or from themes, reports or other writings of a fellow student, is guilty of plagiarism. Plagiarism will result in a grade of 0 (zero) on the assignment.

### **SCANS and FOUNDATION SKILLS**

Refer also to Course Objectives. SCANS and Foundation Skills attached.

### **VERIFICATION OF WORKPLACE COMPETENCIES**

This course does not contain a Capstone component.

## SPECIFIC COURSE INFORMATION

### TEXT AND MATERIALS



Ethics, Legal Issues, and Professionalism in Surgical Technology, Delmar ISBN # 1-4018-5793-0

AND

Program textbook, Surgical Technology for the Surgical Technologist: A Positive Care Approach, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., AST (**Text**)

### ATTENDANCE POLICY

Class attendance is mandatory. Students are allowed three (3) absences and will be administratively withdrawn on the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) absence. A tardy is given if the student is not present for the class or lab within the first 5 minutes of the class period. Two (2) tardies equal one (1) absence. If a student misses more than 30 minutes of any class session, an absence will be given for the day.

### ASSIGNMENT POLICY

The student is responsible for being prepared for class, which means reading the assigned chapters and/or pages from the textbook or handouts given. In some instances, information from the reading assignments not covered during class may be included on a test.

### GRADING POLICY

Grades in this course will be determined using the following criteria:

The course grade will be determined by a combination of major exams and a comprehensive final exam. Exam dates will be announced. The following are guidelines regarding exams and assignments:

1. The student is expected to complete the exam at the scheduled time. Make-up exams will **not** be offered. If a student is late on an exam day, the student will not be permitted to take the exam, and a grade of zero (0) will be given.
2. Late assignments will not be accepted.

Exam- Medical Law/Ethics	20%
Standard of Care Quiz	10%
Class Presentation/Mock Trial	20%
Research Paper: Malpractice	25%
Essay Exam – “The Doctor”	<u>25%</u>
	100%
Grades	91 – 100 = A
	81 – 90 = B
	75 – 80 = C
	Below 75 is failing

A final grade average of C (75) must be maintained in all Surgical Technology classes. You must pass all courses to proceed to the next semester.

### COMMUNICATION POLICY

Electronic communication between instructor and students in this course will utilize the South Plains College email systems. Instructor will not initiate or respond to communication using private email accounts. Students are encouraged to check SPC email on a regular basis.

## STUDENT CONDUCT

Students in this class are expected to abide by the standards of student conduct as defined in the SPC Student Guide pages 11-14.

## SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

**Cell Phones** – Cell phones are permitted in class. They MUST be turned to silent. A student whose phone sounds during class, or is observed to be using the phone in any way without permission from the instructor will be sent home for the day with an absence.

## COURSE OUTLINE

### Subject to change by Faculty

Reading is denoted in green and blue according to the text:

[Surgical Technology for the Surgical Technologist: A Positive Care Approach](#)  
[Ethics, Legal Issues, and Professionalism in Surgical Technology](#)

#### Class 1:

- Syllabus review
- Introduction to Law & Ethics
- Assign reading

[Pages 27-28](#)

[Pages 57-67](#)

#### Class 2:

- General legal terms
- Defining traditional principles
- Torts Risk management
- Liability
- Medical errors
- Safe Medical Device Act
- Malpractice insurance

**Assign Medical Malpractice Research Paper**

[Pages 40-42](#)

[Pages 111-120, 92-94](#)

#### Class 3:

- Moral principles
- Bioethics
- Patient Bill of Rights
- Elements of ethical decision making

**Assign Standards of Care short paper**

[Pages 34-37](#)

[Pages 21-50](#)

#### Class 4:

**Standards of Care short paper due**

- Movie “The Doctor”

#### Class 5:

**“The Doctor” Essay Exam**

**Assign Mock Trial groups**

#### Class 6:

**Malpractice research paper due**

- Consent for surgery
- Documentation
- Event/incident reports
- Advance directives

[Pages 31-34](#)

[Pages 96-101](#)

#### Class 7:

- Scope of practice
- Credentialing
- State CST laws – handout
- “Obamacare” laws
- HIPAA

[Pages 38-39](#)

[Pages 75-91](#)

#### Class 8:

**Law & Ethics Exam**

- Course review – or – guest speaker

#### Classes 9 and 10:

**Mock Trial presentations**

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## ACCOMMODATIONS

### DIVERSITY STATEMENT

In this class, the teacher will establish and support an environment that values and nurtures individual and group differences and encourages engagement and interaction. Understanding and respecting multiple experiences and perspectives will serve to challenge and stimulate all of us to learn about others, about the larger world and about ourselves. By promoting diversity and intellectual exchange, we will not only mirror society as it is, but also model society as it should and can be.

### DISABILITIES STATEMENT

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Special Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Coordinator of Special Services. For more information, call or visit the Special Services Office in rooms 809 and 811, Reese Center Building 8, (806) 885-3048 ext. 4654.

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## FOUNDATION SKILLS

### **BASIC SKILLS—Reads, Writes, Performs Arithmetic and Mathematical Operations, Listens and Speaks**

F-1 Reading—locates, understands, and interprets written information in prose and in documents such as manuals, graphs, and schedules.

F-2 Writing—communicates thoughts, ideas, information and messages in writing and creates documents such as letters, directions, manuals, reports, graphs, and flow charts.

F-3 Arithmetic—performs basic computations; uses basic numerical concepts such as whole numbers, etc.

F-4 Mathematics—approaches practical problems by choosing appropriately from a variety of mathematical techniques.

F-5 Listening—receives, attends to, interprets, and responds to verbal messages and other cues.

F-6 Speaking—organizes ideas and communicates orally.

### **THINKING SKILLS—Thinks Creatively, Makes Decisions, Solves Problems, Visualizes and Knows How to Learn and Reason**

F-7 Creative Thinking—generates new ideas.

F-8 Decision-Making—specifies goals and constraints, generates alternatives, considers risks, evaluates and chooses best alternative.

F-9 Problem Solving—recognizes problems, devises and implements plan of action.

F-10 Seeing Things in the Mind's Eye—organizes and processes symbols, pictures, graphs, objects, and other information.

F-11 Knowing How to Learn—uses efficient learning techniques to acquire and apply new knowledge and skills.

F-12 Reasoning—discovers a rule or principle underlying the relationship between two or more objects and applies it when solving a problem.

### **PERSONAL QUALITIES—Displays Responsibility, Self-Esteem, Sociability, Self-Management, Integrity and Honesty**

F-13 Responsibility—exerts a high level of effort and perseveres towards goal attainment.

F-14 Self-Esteem—believes in own self-worth and maintains a positive view of self.

F-15 Sociability—demonstrates understanding, friendliness, adaptability, empathy and politeness in group settings.

F-16 Self-Management—assesses self accurately, sets personal goals, monitors progress and exhibits self-control.

F-17 Integrity/Honesty—chooses ethical courses of action.

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## SCANS COMPETENCIES

C-1 **TIME** - Selects goal - relevant activities, ranks them, allocates time, prepares and follows schedules.

C-2 **MONEY** - Uses or prepares budgets, makes forecasts, keeps records and makes adjustments to meet objectives.

C-3 **MATERIALS AND FACILITIES** - Acquires, stores, allocates, and uses materials or space efficiently.

C-4 **HUMAN RESOURCES** - Assesses skills and distributes work accordingly, evaluates performances and provides feedback.

### **INFORMATION - Acquires and Uses Information**

C-5 Acquires and evaluates information.

C-6 Organizes and maintains information.

C-7 Interprets and communicates information.

C-8 Uses computers to process information.

### **INTERPERSONAL—Works With Others**

C-9 Participates as members of a team and contributes to group effort.

C-10 Teaches others new skills.

C-11 Serves Clients/Customers—works to satisfy customer’s expectations.

C-12 Exercises Leadership—communicates ideas to justify position, persuades and convinces others, responsibly challenges existing procedures and policies.

C-13 Negotiates—works toward agreements involving exchanges of resources; resolves divergent interests.

C-14 Works With Diversity—works well with men and women from diverse backgrounds.

### **SYSTEMS—Understands Complex Interrelationships**

C-15 Understands Systems—knows how social, organizational, and technological systems work and operates effectively with them.

C-16 Monitors and Corrects Performance—distinguishes trends, predicts impacts on system operations, diagnoses systems performance and corrects malfunctions.

C-17 Improves or Designs Systems—suggests modifications to existing systems and develops new or alternative systems to improve performance.

### **TECHNOLOGY—Works with a Variety of Technologies**

C-18 Selects Technology—chooses procedures, tools, or equipment, including computers and related technologies.

C-19 Applies Technology to Task—understands overall intent and proper procedures for setup and operation of equipment.

C-20 Maintains and Troubleshoots Equipment—prevents, identifies, or solves problems with equipment, including computers and other technologies.



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Date