

**El Paso Community College**  
**Syllabus**  
**Part II**  
**Official Course Description**

<b>SUBJECT AREA</b>	<u>Health Services/Allied Health/Health Sciences, General</u>								
<b>COURSE RUBRIC AND NUMBER</b>	<u>HPRS 1205</u>								
<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	<u>Essentials of Medical Law/Ethics for Health Professionals</u>								
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**I. Catalog Description**

Introduction to the relationship between legal aspects and ethics in health care, with emphasis on the ethical and legal responsibilities of health care professionals. A grade of "C" or better is required in this course to take the next course. **(2:0)**.

**II. Course Objectives**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Describe the relationship between the health care giver and recipient.
- B. Discuss contracts with regard to professional duties and standards of care.
- C. Define a variety of legal terms that relate to health care practice.
- D. Explain the development of the value systems.
- E. Describe the principle of ethics as applicable to health care issues in the workplace.
- F. Discuss the importance of confidentiality in health care management.
- G. Identify current ethical issues in health care (i.e., AIDS, euthanasia, abortion, genetic engineering)
- H. Relate the role of the professional as gatekeeper to an ethical health care system.

**III. THECB Learning Outcomes (WECM)**

Upon completing this course, the student will be able to:

- 1. Identify current legal and ethical issues in health care.
- 2. Cite case studies and governmental regulations.

**IV. Evaluation**

- A. The grading scale will be as follows:
  - A = 90 – 100
  - B = 80 – 89
  - C = 70 – 79
  - D = 60 - 69
  - F = 59 and below

**B. Grade Determination**

Exams (Midterm, Final, Chapter Exams)	40- 50 %
<u>Assignments</u>	<u>50- 60 %</u>
Total	100 %

**V. Disability Statement (Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA])**

EPCC offers a variety of services to persons with documented sensory, mental, physical, or temporary disabling conditions to promote success in classes. If you have a disability and believe you may need services, you are encouraged to contact the Center for Students with Disabilities to discuss your needs with a counselor. All discussions and documentation are kept confidential. Offices located: VV Rm C-112 (831-2426); TM Rm 1400 (831-5808); RG Rm B-201 (831-4198); NWC Rm M-54 (831-8815); and MDP Rm A-125 (831-7024).

**VI. 6 Drop Rule**

Students who began attending Texas public institutions of higher education for the first time during the Fall 2007 semester or later are subject to a 6-Drop limit for all undergraduate classes. Developmental, ESL, Dual Credit and Early College High School classes are exempt from this rule. All students should consult with their instructor before dropping a class. Academic assistance is available. Students are encouraged to see Counseling Services if dropping because exemptions may apply. Refer to the EPCC catalog and website for additional information.

**VII. Title IX and Sex Discrimination**

Title 9 (20 U.S.C. 1681 & 34 C.F.R. Part 106) states the following "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) prohibits stalking, date violence, sexual violence, and domestic violence for all students, employees and visitors (male and female). If you have any concerns related to discrimination, harassment, or assault (of any type) you can contact the Assistant to the Vice President for Student and Enrollment Services at 915-831-2655. Employees can call the Manager of Employee Relations at 915-831-6458. Reports of sexual assault/violence may also be reported to EPCC Police at 915-831-2200.