



Course Syllabus: Health Law

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Course Description

This course explores the ethical dilemmas you may face in healthcare and the relevant laws you must understand to perform your job effectively. Among the topics we will discuss this semester:

What are morals, ethics, and laws?

What does the scope of practice mean, and how does that relate to you as a radiologic technologist?

What are the privacy laws you will follow as a radiologic technologist?

What is and how do you get informed consent from your patients before taking an X-ray?

How does the health care system work, and what is your place as a radiologic technologist?

These are the modules we will discuss in this course:

Module 1: Ethics and Law

Module 2: Torts and Medical Malpractice

Module 3: Healthcare Business and Workplace Issues

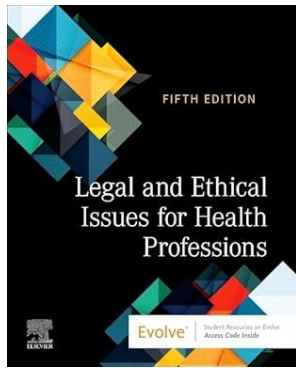
Module 4: Medical Records, HIPAA, and Reporting

Module 5: Life, Dying, and Death Issues in Health Care

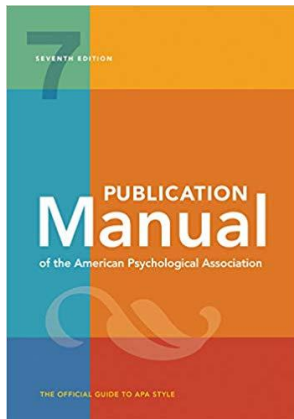
Module 6: Trends

Textbook & Instructional Materials

Both textbooks are required, and you will use them. The health law textbook will only be used in this course and may be bought new, used, or rented. The APA manual will be a textbook you will use in many of your other courses, and this one. You will want to purchase it if you still need to. Do not rent it, as it will cost you more money in the long term.



Nguyen, J. (2024). Legal and ethical issues for health professions (Fifth Edition). St. Louis, MO: Elsevier [ISBN: 978-0323827508]. This book is approximately \$77 from the bookstore.



American Psychological Association. (2020). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th Ed.). Washington, DC: Author. [ISBN: 978-1-4338-3216-1]. This book is approximately \$43 from the bookstore. This book is used in many radiology courses and should be retained until graduation.

Student Handbook

Refer to: [Student Handbook](#)

Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating, collusion, and plagiarism (the act of using source material of other persons, either published or unpublished, without following the accepted techniques of crediting, or the submission for credit of work not the individual's to whom credit is given). Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct. [Office of Student Conduct](#)

Moffett Library

Moffett Library provides resources and services to support student's studies and assignments, including books, peer-reviewed journals, databases, and multimedia materials accessible both on campus and remotely. The library offers media equipment checkout, reservable study rooms, and research assistance from librarians to help students effectively find, evaluate, and use information. Get started on this [Moffett Library webpage](#) to explore these resources and learn how to best utilize the library.

Grading

Table 1: Percentages allocated to each assignment

Assignments	Percentage
Discussions (4)	20%
Course Project	20%
Module Tests (6)	30%
Final Examination	30%

While I do not round individual assignments, I will round your semester grade up to the next grade if you are within 0.5 points of the next grade.

Table 2: Percentages for final grade.

Grade	Percentages
A	90 - 100
B	80 - 89.99
C	70 - 79.99
D	60 - 69.99
F	59.99 and below

Discussions

Class Discussions and exchanging ideas and opinions are critical to understanding ethics, morality, and the law. You will participate in three discussion boards where you will post based upon a specific article you will read. For the fourth discussion board, you will professionally critique another student's post from one of the first three discussion boards. Please read the course content for complete instructions. In the online instructions, you will find what should be included in your posts and the outside research expectations for each post. All discussions **MUST** be submitted by the published due date (see the course calendar). Because discussion boards depend upon timely student submissions, no late submissions will be accepted.

Exams

Module Tests should be taken after you have reviewed the chapter in the book and any course notes. The tests consist of randomized multiple-choice questions. Each test is timed. The test lengths are:

Module 1 – 60 questions – Maximum Time in Minutes 60

Module 2 – 25 questions – Maximum Time in Minutes 25

Module 3 – 50 questions – Maximum Time in Minutes 25

Module 4 – 25 questions – Maximum Time in Minutes 50

Module 5 – 25 questions – Maximum Time in Minutes 25

Module 6 – 15 questions – Maximum Time in Minutes 20

Project Required

The Course Project is a narrated PowerPoint. You will select one of the ethical dilemmas from a database on D2L and prepare a narrated PowerPoint presentation. Please read the course content for complete instructions. The online instructions show what should be included in your PowerPoint and how to record your narration.

Final Exam

The final exam can be taken any time between November 1st and December 9th. You must complete all the module tests before taking the final examination. The final examination is closed-book and closed-notes. It is taken using the Respondus Lockdown Browser with Webcam built into D2L. You must take the appropriate practice quiz before the Final to ensure you can use the Respondus system. The final examination is comprehensive and consists of 100 randomized multiple-choice questions. You will have 100 minutes to complete the final examination.

Late Work

I do not accept late work. Tests must be done in order, and all tests must be completed before you may take the final examination. This is true even if you are late on a test and receive a “zero” on it. You must still take the test. I do understand that sometimes there are exceptional students with extenuating circumstances. If you know you will be late with an assignment, or if something happens and you miss a due date, please email me the reasons. I may make an exception depending on the specific circumstances, and I reserve the right to impose a late penalty if I accept the late work. The final examination **MUST** be completed by the due date without exception.

Important Dates

- Last day for term schedule changes August 24 – August 27: Check date on [Academic Calendar](#).
- Deadline to file for graduation December graduation deadline: September 21; Priority Deadline for May graduation: October 5. Check date on [Academic Calendar](#).
- Last Day to drop with a grade of “W:” November 23. Check date on [Academic Calendar](#).
- Refer to: [Drops, Withdrawals & Void](#)

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log in to [D2L](#) through the MSU Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor.

Attendance

Although this online course has no attendance policy, you must log in to D2L at least once a week. I may post news items that will require your attention. It is also a good idea to check your email a few times during the week.

Online Computer Requirements

You will need a computer that is Windows or Mac-based. Please note that Chromebooks will not work because of their incompatibility with the Respondus Lockdown Browser system used to proctor all tests and the final examination. You will also need a webcam with a working microphone and an adequate Internet connection. Taking an online class requires you to have access to a

computer (with Internet access) to complete and upload your assignments. It is your responsibility to have (or have access to) a working computer in this class. ****Assignments and tests are due by the due date, and personal computer technical difficulties will not be considered reason for the instructor to allow students extra time to submit assignments, tests, or discussion postings.*** Computers are available on campus in various areas of the buildings as well as the Academic Success Center. ****Your computer being down is not an excuse for missing a deadline!!*** There are many places to access your class! Our online classes can be accessed from any computer in the world which is connected to the internet. Contact your instructor immediately upon having computer trouble. If you have technical difficulties in the course, there is also a student helpdesk available to you. The college cannot work directly on student computers due to both liability and resource limitations; however, they are able to help you get connected to our online services. For help, log into [D2L](#).

Recording Classes

****Recording classes is generally prohibited without the professor's explicit permission.*** Such recordings, when permitted, are for personal use only and may not be uploaded to the internet or otherwise shared, transmitted, or published without the professor's prior consent. Some faculty may not permit recordings of their classes. When it is feasible and appropriate, students may record classes to accommodate disabilities under the Americans With Disabilities Act, with prior approval of Disability Support Services. Such recordings may not be uploaded to the internet or otherwise shared, transmitted, or published.

Instructor Class Policies

I prefer email for most contacts. This gives me a written record of what we talked about so I remember everything necessary. Please include the course name or number you are emailing me in reference to in your email subject. I am often away from my desk and may be hard to reach by telephone. If you need to contact me by phone, please email me for an appointment. The appointment will ensure that I have everything ready for your call and we will not be disturbed.

Withdrawals: The student must initiate all withdrawals. After the withdrawal deadline, dropping the course will result in a grade of "F." Withdrawal from this course will result in the student being dismissed from the BSRT program. In an emergency or extenuating circumstance, a student may request an incomplete grade before grades are submitted. If the professor grants the incomplete, the student has until thirty (30) days after the beginning of the next long semester to complete the course requirements. If the student does not complete the course requirements within the deadline, the incomplete grade will automatically convert into a grade of "F."

Administrative Process: Unresolved issues related to this course should be first addressed between the student and the professor. If there is no resolution, students must follow this sequence:

1. Department Chair – Dr. Lynette Watts (940-397-4833)
2. College Dean – Dr. Jeff Killion (940-397-4594)
3. Dean of Students – Matthew Park (940-397-7500)

Change of Schedule

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the Schedule of Classes each semester.

Refund and Repayment Policy

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. HOWEVER, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below, two formulas (federal and state) exist in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

Services for Students with Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Student Wellness Center, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Disability Support Services](#).

Emergency Aid Resources for Basic Needs

Unexpected life circumstances can affect anyone. If you are experiencing challenges meeting basic needs—such as housing, utilities, food, transportation, healthcare, technology, textbooks or other life necessities, resources may be available to help. Visit the [Student Emergency Support and Resources webpage](#) to learn more, and explore emergency support opportunities through MSU and how to access them. For additional information, please contact the Office of Student Affairs: Clark Student Center #108, (940) 397-7500, student.affairs@mstuexas.edu.

College Policies

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#)

Smoking/Tobacco Policy

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products in any building owned or operated by WATC. Adult students may smoke only in the outside designated-smoking areas at each location.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

Campus Carry

Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes has prohibited. The new Constitutional Carry law does not change this process. Concealed carry still requires a License to Carry permit, and openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit [Campus Carry](#).

Active Shooter

The safety and security of our campus is the responsibility of everyone in our community. Each of us has an obligation to be prepared to appropriately respond to threats to our campus, such as an active aggressor. Please review the information provided by MSU Police Department regarding the options and strategies we can all use to stay safe during difficult situations. For more information, visit [MSUReady – Active Shooter](#). Students are encouraged to watch the video entitled “Run. Hide. Fight.” which may be electronically accessed via the University police department’s webpage: ["Run. Hide. Fight."](#)

Grade Appeal Process

Updated as needed. Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University [MSU Catalog](#)

***Notice:** Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor. All assignments are due by 11:59 PM CST on the indicated due date.

Tentative Course Schedule:

Week or Module	Activities/Assignments/Exams	Due Date
Week 1 8/24 to 8/28	Semester Begins Review Course Syllabus	
Week 3 9/7 to 9/11	Module 1 Exam and Discussion Board 1 Due	Both due on 9/9 by 11:59 PM
Week 5 9/21 to 9/25	Module 2 Exam Due	Due on 9/23 by 11:59 PM
Week 7 10/5 to 10/9	Module 3 Exam and Discussion Board 2 Due	Both due on 10/7 by 11:59 PM
Week 9 10/19 to 10/23	Module 4 Exam Due	Due on 10/21 by 11:59 PM
	Final Exam Opens	November 1 st at 6:00 AM
Week 11 11/2 to 11/6	Module 5 Exam and Discussion Board 3 Due	Both due on 11/4 by 11:59 PM
Week 13 11/16 to 11/20	Ethical PowerPoint Due	Due on 11/18 by 11:59 PM
Week 14 11/23 to 12/27	Module 6 and Discussion Board 4 Due	Both due on 11/25 by 11:59 PM
Week 16 12/7 to 12/11	Final Exam Due	Due on 12/9 by 11:59 PM