

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Ethical and legal issues in nursing  
Status: Definitive  
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Owning School/Faculty: Nursing and Allied Health  
Teaching School/Faculty: Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ6  
**Credit Value:** 20  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 40  
**Total Learning Hours:** 200  
**Private Study:** 160

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	37
Tutorial	3

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	Essay	4500 word essay	100	

### Aims

*To enable professional nurses to develop a critical appreciation of related ethical and legal issues within the nursing profession*

### Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically apply ethical theory and principles to moral dilemmas in practice
- 2 Critically explore the role of the nurse in applying ethical and principles in practice
- 3 Evaluate the application of ethical and legal decision making in healthcare practice

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Discussion paper	1	2	3
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## **Outline Syllabus**

*An overview of the Sri Lankan legal system. Legal aspects of consent, negligence, confidentiality, autonomy and relevant legal cases/precedents. Health related statute and common law. Guidelines and directives. Current issues arising from emerging health policy, clinical governance and evidence based practice. Traditional and contemporary ethical theory, making moral decisions, articulating moral arguments, critiquing arguments, values and ethical decision making.*

*Issues that can be discussed and may be used for the assessment include: end of life decisions, living wills, advanced directives, human rights, health and access to resources, protecting the vulnerable, moral aspects of pain and resuscitation, organ donation. Children and ethico-legal decision making. Mental illness and ethico-legal decision making*

## **Learning Activities**

Lectures, tutorials, seminars, debates, case studies, VLE

## **Notes**

This module will be supported by VLE content