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Course Outline for HLTH 2

HEALTH ISSUES

Effective: Fall 1993

I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

HLTH 2 — HEALTH ISSUES — 2.00 units

Investigation, analysis, and evaluation of selected contemporary health and ethical issues with the intent of acquiring insight into the health care delivery systems, health attitudes and behavior. Concepts and issues in contemporary health.

2.00 Units Lecture

Grading Methods:

Letter Grade

<u>Discipline:</u>

MIN **Lecture Hours:** 36.00 **Total Hours:** 36.00

- II. NUMBER OF TIMES COURSE MAY BE TAKEN FOR CREDIT: 1
- III. PREREQUISITE AND/OR ADVISORY SKILLS:
- IV. MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES:

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

- 1. demonstrate awareness of current health issues;
- 2. identify and use factual information as basis for examining local, state and national health issues;
- 3. recognize the need to address the philosophical aspects of health issues;
- 4. discuss the importance of citizen responsibility toward personal, local, state, and national health;
- 5. demonstrate awareness of ethical issues in health care delivery as they impact upon the elderly.

V. CONTENT:

- A. Examination of current health issues such as:
 - 1. current research in the field of health
 - 2. new developments in medical technology
- 3. attitudes towards social diseases (smoking, alcoholism, narcotic addiction, obesity, heart disease, mental disease)
 4. advertising and its impact on current health practices
 B. Research methodology
 C. Philosophical aspects of current health issues

- D. Citizen responsibility toward personal, local, state and national health
- E. Issues relating to aging
 F. Hospital Ethics Committees
- G. Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care
 H. Health care delivery systems
- - 1. health care delivery ethics, autonomy & the elderly (acute, long term care)
- I. Health insurance

VI. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

- A. Discussion -
- B. Lecture -
- VII. TYPICAL ASSIGNMENTS:
- VIII. EVALUATION:
 - A. Methods
 - B. Frequency
- IX. TYPICAL TEXTS:
 - 1. Taking Sides Clashing Views on Controversial Bioethical Issues, Carole Levine, The Dushkin Publishing Group, Inc.
- X. OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED OF STUDENTS: