

MDCA 1305
Medical Law & Ethics
Western Texas College

I. Basic Course Information

- A. Course Description: Instruction in principles, procedures, and regulations involving legal and ethical relationships among physicians, patients, and medical assistants in ambulatory care settings.
- B. Prerequisites: None

II. Student Learning Outcomes

- A. Define general legal terms as they apply to the practice of medicine in ambulatory care settings; differentiate between sources and types of law; identify the role of the medical assistant; explain governmental health care guidelines including patient rights and advanced directives.

III. Online Testing Requirements

- A. The midterm and final exam must be proctored by an approved testing organization. (Ask your instructor for more details.)
- B. Students are not allowed to use their book or notes of any kind while taking their proctored tests and exams.

IV. Major Course Requirements: The grade for this course will be determined as follows:

- A. Exams: 50%
- B. Quizzes/Daily Assignments: 25%
- C. Homework: 25%
- D. Grading scale:
 - A= (90-100%)
 - B= (80-89%)
 - C= (70-79%)
 - D= (60-69%)
- E. Students must earn a grade "C" or higher to successfully complete this course.
- F. Students must attain a "C" or higher to remain in the program.

V. Information on Books and Other Course Materials

- A. Title: Medical Law, Ethics, & Bioethics for Health Professionals
- B. Authors: Lewis, Tamparo, & Tatro
- C. Edition: 7th
- D. Publisher: F. A. Davis Company

E. ISBN-13: 978-08036-2706-2

VI. Other Policies, Procedures and important dates: Please refer to the WTC Course Catalog for the following:

- A. Campus Calendar
- B. Final exam schedule
- C. How to drop a class
- D. Withdrawal information
- E. Student Conduct/Academic Integrity
- F. Class Attendance
- G. Students with disabilities

VII. Course Sequence & Content

Week	Topic
Week 1	Course Overview Ch. 1: Medical Law, Ethics, and Bioethics.
Week 2	Ch. 2: Medical Practice Management Quiz 1
Week 3	Ch. 3: The Health-care Team in the Ambulatory Setting
Week 4	Ch. 4: Law, Liability, and Duties. Quiz 2
Week 5	Ch. 5: Professional Liability
Week 6	Ch. 6: Law for Health Professionals Quiz 3
Week 7	Ch. 7: Public Duties
Week 8	Midterm Exam
Week 9	Ch. 8: Consent
Week 10	Ch. 9: Medical Records Quiz 4
Week 11	Ch. 10: Reimbursement and Collection Practices

Week 12	Ch. 11: Employment Practices Quiz 5
Week 13	Ch. 12: A Cultural Perspective for Health Professionals
Week 14	Ch. 16: End of Life issues Quiz 6
Week 15	Course Review
Week 16	Final Exam

Disclaimer: Sequence & Content is subject to change at the instructor's discretion.