

Access to Higher Education Unit

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Unit Title: Ethical Issues in Health

Graded Unit Reference Number: GA33HEA01

Ungraded Unit Reference Number: UA33HEA01

Module: Health Studies; Sociology

Level: Three (3)

Credit Value: Three (3)

Minimum Guided Learning Hours: 30

| Learning Outcome (The Learner will): | Assessment Criterion (The Learner can): |
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| 1. Understand theories of moral philosophy and their application to provision of health care | 1.1 Outline the main propositions of a range of moral theories, e.g. consequentialism, utilitarianism, deontology and postmodern ethics |
| | 1.2 Apply theories of moral philosophy to provision of health care |
| 2. Understand importance of a moral framework for decision making in medical practice | 2.1 Evaluate examples of medical issues which promote controversial debate, e.g. organ transplant, euthanasia, informed consent |
| | 2.2 For specific examples, identify the key moral principles underpinning decision making in medical practice |
| 3. Understand how ethical considerations impinge on patient / client rights and responsibilities | 3.1 Identify the rights of the individual patient/client and evaluate the extent to which these are underpinned by ethical considerations |
| | 3.2 Explain how an individual's responsibilities to themselves, to other patients and to medical practitioners have an ethical basis |