

# Legal and Ethical Aspects of Health Information (HITT 1253 2A2)

## CREDIT

2 Semester Credit Hours (2 hours lecture, 0 hours lab)

## MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Online

## PREREQUISITE/CO-REQUISITE:

HITT 1301; Completed the Online Orientation and answered 7+ questions correctly on the Online Learner Self-Assessment:

<http://www.lit.edu/depts/DistanceEd/OnlineOrientation/OOStep2.aspx>

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

Concepts of privacy, security, confidentiality, ethics, health care legislation, and regulations relating to the maintenance and use of health information. *This course is time-bound, structured and completed totally online.*

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

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

1. Apply local, state, and federal standards and regulations for the control and use of health information.
2. Demonstrate appropriate health information disclosure practices.
3. Identify and discuss ethical issues in health care.

## INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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## REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS

1. *Legal and Ethical Issues for Health Professionals* by G. Pozgar, 5<sup>th</sup> edition. Jones and Bartlett Publishing.

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- a. ISBN: 978-1-284-14418-5
2. Access code (**OPTIONAL** – It is not required you purchase. The student companion website reinforces the material you learn in the book.)
  - a. If book is purchased new, the Student Companion Website Access Code comes with it.
  - b. If the book is purchased used, access to the Companion Website may be purchased separately at [www.jblearning.com](http://www.jblearning.com) . Again, this is optional. It is NOT required.
3. Computer with internet access.

### ATTENDANCE POLICY

1. Students must log onto Blackboard and access this course a minimum of three times per week.

### DROP POLICY

If you wish to drop a course, you are responsible for initiating and completing the drop process by the specified drop date as listed on the [Academic Calendar](#). If you stop coming to class and fail to drop the course, you will earn an “F” in the course.

### STUDENT EXPECTED TIME REQUIREMENT

For every hour in class (or unit of credit), students should expect to spend at least two to three hours per week studying and completing assignments. For a 3-credit-hour class, students should prepare to allocate approximately six to nine hours per week outside of class in a 16-week session OR approximately twelve to eighteen hours in an 8-week session. Online/Hybrid students should expect to spend at least as much time in this course as in the traditional, face-to-face class.

### COURSE CALENDAR

DATE	TOPIC	READINGS (Due on this Date)	ASSIGNMENTS (Due on this Date)
1.17.23 Tuesday	Course Introduction		Review Netiquette Review Syllabus Review Textbook Info.
1.20.23 Friday	Introduction to Ethics Contemporary Ethical Dilemmas	Chapter 1 Chapter 2	Ch. 1 Assignment Ch. 2 Assignment Introduction Discussion Practice Exam
1.27.23 Friday	Health Ethics Committee End-of-Life Dilemmas	Chapter 3 Chapter 4	Ch. 3 Assignment Ch. 4 Assignment
1.30.23 Monday	Exam 1 (Chapters 1 – 4)		Exam 1 Module 1 Discussion
2.3.23 Friday	Development of Law Introduction of Law	Chapter 5 Chapter 6	Ch. 5 Assignment Ch. 6 Assignment

2.10.23 Friday	Government, Ethics and Law Organizational Ethics and the Law	Chapter 7 Chapter 8	Ch. 7 Assignment Ch. 8 Assignment
2.13.23 Monday	Exam 2 (Chapters 5 – 8)		Exam 2 Module 2 Discussion
2.17.23 Friday	Health Care Professionals' Ethical and Legal Issues Physicians' Ethical and Legal Issues Employee Rights and Responsibilities	Chapter 9 Chapter 10 Chapter 11	Ch. 9 Assignment Ch. 10 Assignment Ch. 11 Assignment
2.20.23 Monday	Exam 3 (Chapters 9 – 11)		Exam 3 Module 3 Discussion
2.24.23 Friday	Patient Consent Patient Abuse Patient Rights and Responsibilities	Chapter 12 Chapter 13 Chapter 14	Ch. 12 Assignment Ch. 13 Assignment Ch. 14 Assignment
2.27.23 Monday	Exam 4 (Chapters 12 – 14)		Exam 4 Module 4 Discussion
3.3.23 Friday	Comprehensive Final Exam (Chapters 1 – 14)		Final Exam

### COURSE EVALUATION

Final grades will be calculated according to the following criteria:

Discussions/Participation	20%
Course assignments/Labs	20%
Unit Exams (4)	45%
Comprehensive Final Exam	15%

### GRADE SCALE

- 90 - 100 A
- 80 - 89 B
- 70 - 79 C
- 60 - 69 D
- 0 - 59 F

### TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

The latest technical requirements, including hardware, compatible browsers, operating systems, etc. can be online at <https://lit.edu/online-learning/online-learning-minimum-computer-requirements>. A functional broadband internet connection, such as DSL, cable, or WiFi is necessary to maximize the use of online technology and resources.

## **DISABILITIES STATEMENT**

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are federal anti-discrimination statutes that provide comprehensive civil rights for persons with disabilities. LIT provides reasonable accommodations as defined in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, to students with a diagnosed disability. The Special Populations Office is located in the Eagles' Nest Room 129 and helps foster a supportive and inclusive educational environment by maintaining partnerships with faculty and staff, as well as promoting awareness among all members of the Lamar Institute of Technology community. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Special Populations Coordinator at (409)-951-5708 or email [specialpopulations@lit.edu](mailto:specialpopulations@lit.edu). You may also visit the online resource at [Special Populations - Lamar Institute of Technology \(lit.edu\)](#).

## **STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT STATEMENT**

It is the responsibility of all registered Lamar Institute of Technology students to access, read, understand and abide by all published policies, regulations, and procedures listed in the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook*. The *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* may be accessed at [www.lit.edu](http://www.lit.edu). Please note that the online version of the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* supersedes all other versions of the same document.

## **STARFISH**

LIT utilizes an early alert system called Starfish. Throughout the semester, you may receive emails from Starfish regarding your course grades, attendance, or academic performance. Faculty members record student attendance, raise flags and kudos to express concern or give praise, and you can make an appointment with faculty and staff all through the Starfish home page. You can also login to Blackboard or MyLIT and click on the Starfish link to view academic alerts and detailed information. It is the responsibility of the student to pay attention to these emails and information in Starfish and consider taking the recommended actions. Starfish is used to help you be a successful student at LIT.

## **ADDITIONAL COURSE POLICIES/REQUIREMENTS**

1. Students must provide their own textbooks, writing instruments, and other necessary supplies for classes.
2. All assignments and exams will be taken on scheduled dates. If an assignment or exam is submitted late, then an automatic -11 points will be deducted from your grade.
3. All assignments are due when stated. If an assignment or exam is submitted late, the deadline to submit late work is 7 days after the original due date with the penalty points assigned. Any work submitted 7 days after the original due date will be given a zero.
4. Students can complete this course without physically visiting the institution offering the course.

5. The student will post discussions as instructed along with any other assignments instructed to complete.
6. The student will search for current related topics and submit them as part of assignment/discussion.
7. The student will complete online quizzes and unit exams by the due dates shown on the course calendar.
8. The student will complete the comprehensive final exam at the posted time.
9. Students must respect one another and all faculty.
10. Internet Usage – Students are expected to use proper net etiquette while participating in course emails, assignment submissions, and online discussions.
11. Cheating of any kind will not be tolerated.
12. Students are expected to follow the Lamar Institute of Technology Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Policy
13. Any violation of classroom policies may result in student being asked to leave class and result in an absence.
14. The instructor will respond to e-mail and voice mail communication within 48 hours Monday through Friday. Assignment grades will be published within 1 week of the assignment due date.

## **FAQs**

### **1. How quickly are assignments graded in this class?**

Assignments are graded usually within one week.

### **2. How do I know what grade I made on an assignment?**

Assignment grades may be accessed through My Grades in Blackboard. Each assignment shows your grade and any comments that are made regarding that assignment.

### **3. How do I study for exams?**

Utilize your module assignments/quizzes/study guides in preparation for your module exams and the comprehensive final exam.

You can access them through My Grades on Blackboard. My suggestion is to print the assignments out to use as study references. (If it won't allow you to print them, copy and paste the questions and answers into a word document, save it, and print it out that way).

### **4. What time are my assignments/exams/discussions due?**

All assignments, labs, quizzes, exams, and discussions are due at 11:59 PM on the due date listed.

