

**York College**  
**The City University of New York**  
**Department of Nursing**  
**Nursing Program**

Assignment #2: Ethical issues

**Guidelines for ethical issue paper:** Select a current ethical issue that nurses encounter. This must be a significant issue of contemporary concern to nursing. A list of suggested issues can be found in the week #5 Blackboard assignment folders. The paper should be 5-6 pages in a standard format such as those presented in Writing at York. Points will be taken off for incorrect form, careless documentation and grammatical/writing errors.

**Assignment #2 Grading Rubric for Ethical issue paper**  
**Points Essential component**

		<b>100%</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>0%</b>
<sup>20</sup>	<u>Clearly describe the ethical issue</u> including definition(s), brief history and all subtypes/ sub-issues	Clearly describes ethical issue, all sub-types, and gives three or more examples	Clearly describes ethical issue, all sub-types, and gives two examples	Clearly describes ethical issue, all sub-types, and gives one example	Describes ethical issues and includes one example	Does not clearly describe ethical issue
<sup>20</sup>	<u>Explain why this is an ethical issue</u> in nursing and health care	Explains why it is an ethical issue and at least three potential impacts on nurses	Explains why it is an ethical issue and two potential impacts on nurses	Explains why it is an ethical issue and one potential impacts on nurses	Explains why it is an ethical issue without nursing impact	Does not clearly explain why it is an ethical issue
<sup>20</sup>	<u>Describe the viewpoints (pro and con)</u> this ethical issue Include the position(s) of professional nursing organization(s) regarding this	Describes three pro viewpoints and three con viewpoints of this ethical issue with positions of	Describes two pro viewpoints and two con viewpoints of this ethical issue with positions	Describes one pro viewpoint and one con viewpoint of this ethical issue with positions	Describes one pro or con viewpoint with positions of professional organization	Does not clearly describe pro and con viewpoints and does not include professional

	issue	three or more professional organizations	of two professional organizations	of one professional organization	ons	organization positions
20	Choose one of the viewpoints; explain your position. Include, in your discussion, professional values as expressed in codes of ethics and other professional documents. Be certain to include documentation	Explains personal position including at least four professional values from Code of ethics	Explains personal position including three professional values from Code of ethics	Explains personal position including two professional values from Code of ethics	Explains personal position including one professional values from Code of ethics	Does not clearly explain personal position on ethical issue and/or does not connect to Code of ethics
20	Identify <u>specific</u> ways that nurses collectively, could further enhance ethical nursing practice on a daily basis. (Take this opportunity to be creative and identify what <u>you</u> might do to facilitate ethical nursing practice)	Describes five or more strategies to promote ethical nursing practice	Describes four strategies to promote ethical nursing practice	Describes three strategies to promote ethical nursing practice	Describes two strategies to promote ethical nursing practice	Describes one strategy to promote ethical nursing practice
100	TOTAL					

### Course Policies Regarding Written Work:

- Students are required and must adhere to the use of APA style (Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association). Note: The latest edition (6<sup>th</sup>).
- All written assignments must be submitted on the due date. **Late papers will not be accepted and a zero will be given for that assignment.** There will be strict adherence to this policy with no exceptions.
- 20% of the overall grade for each written assignment will be based on the communication skills and written convention. This includes grammar, spelling,

sentence structure, punctuation, clarity of expression, organization, citation, quality of typing and general appearance.

- Assignments must have a cover/title page, be type-written, double spaced, and printed on one side of standard-sized 8.5" x 11" (22cm x 28cm) heavy, unruled white bond paper.
- Leave uniform margins of one inch at the top, bottom, left and right of every page. In most word-processing programs, one inch is the default setting for margins.
- Size 12 point Times New Roman font is recommended. Please do not use enhanced or oddly sized fonts. These are inappropriate.
- Start the reference list on a new page. Type the word "References" centered at the top of the page. Double space all reference entries. The first line of each reference is set flush left and subsequent lines are indented.
- All pages of the paper including the title page must be numbered. The number should appear at least one inch from the right hand edge of the page, in the space between the top edge of the paper and the first line of the text (Please refer APA Style Guide 6th Ed.). The default setting in most word-processing software is one-half inch from the top of the page which is acceptable.
- Indent of the first line of every paragraph and the first line of every footnote.
- It is essential that you give appropriate credit for all facts, opinions, ideas, and statements quoted or paraphrased from other sources. **York has a stringent policy about plagiarism. This is a very serious offense that will not be tolerated, and will result in automatic failure of the course. Please see the College Policy on plagiarism.**
- Students are encouraged to seek help from the Writing Center, located in room AC-1 C01.
- Please be sure to spell check and proofread your papers before handing them in. It is also a good idea to have someone else proofread your paper.
- Make photocopies of all written work before submission.
- A Writing Fellow who is assigned to the course is available to assist you with specific writing-related activities. Please make use of this invaluable opportunity. The Writing Fellow may be contacted in room 2A01 or at extensions 2278/2279. Take advantage of their expertise and knowledge.

