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Overview

This course surveys the law governing health care professionals and the provision of health services in Ontario. The legal principles that will be discussed are relevant to all regulated health practitioners (e.g. physicians, nurses, dentists, psychologists, physiotherapists, and midwives etc), social workers, educational counsellors, personal support workers, and anyone else who works in a hospital, health clinic, or long-term care or retirement home. The topics covered include consent, capacity to consent, substitute consent, end-of-life decision making, mental illness and the criminal justice system, liability in negligence, the principles of informed consent, documentation, confidentiality, mandatory reporting, and the duty to warn.

On a broader level, the course addresses the legal relationship between users and providers of health care services. Consequently, the course should be of interest to individuals who want to understand their rights regarding W U H D W P H Q W F R X Q V H O O L Q J D Q G F D U H) R U H [D P S O H Z K R patients have a right to obtain a complete copy? What information are practitioners required to disclose to patients about a proposed treatment? The course also addresses many current policy issues, including: the I H G H U D O D Q G S U R Y L Q F L D O J R Y H U Q P H Q W V ¶ S R Z H U V W R G H W D L infectious diseases, such as COVID-19; the Criminal Code limits on who can obtain medical aid in dying; and whether health professionals can refuse to provide treatment that is contrary to their values.

The course is open to all Western undergraduates (other than law students enrolled in the J.D. program). There are no prerequisites.

Course Structure

Unfortunately, there are no in-person classes. The coursebook and accompanying PowerPoints with audio summaries are the primary means of conveying the course content. A printed copy of the coursebook is available from : H V W H Bu k Q ¶ V e. The PowerPoints and audio summaries will be released in the first week of term and will be available until after the final exam. The coursebook, PowerPoints and audios will be supplemented with weekly live virtual office hours on Tuesdays hosted by the two teaching assistants (TAs) and weekly live virtual office hours on Thursdays hosted by Professor Solomon. In addition, you are encouraged to contact the TAs or Professor Solomon directly, or post qu5(Sm)17(on)-75(d2S)13(ol)-4(om)ud1*n(5)-8(A

Readings

The required text is Solomon, Health Care Law 3101: Fall Term 2020 S X U F K D V H D W : H V W H U Q ¶ V There are no outside readings in this course. The coursebook summarizes a broad range of federal and provincial legislation and dozens of the leading cases. Although the coursebook is relatively short, it

Component	Value	Date
Midterm Exam	35%	Oct. 2020 (date TBD)
Final Exam	55%	Dec. 2020 (d

Week Nine: Nov. 913
PowerPoints and Audio Summary, Session 9: Chapter IX: Documentation and Related Issues
Virtual Office Hours: Tues. Nov. 10 @ 7pm (TAs); and Thurs. Nov. 12 @ 5pm (Instructor)

Week Ten: Nov. 1620
PowerPoints and Audio Summary, Session 10: Chapter X: Confidentiality and Privilege
Virtual Office Hours: Tues. Nov. 17 @ 7pm (TAs); and Thurs. Nov. 19 @ 5pm (Instructor)

Academic Accommodation for Medical Illness or Non-Medical Absences

A student seeking academic accommodation for any work worth less than 10% (i.e. weekly quizzes) must contact the Course Coordinator. A student seeking academic accommodation for any work worth more than 10% (i.e. midterm and final exams) must contact the academic counsellor at his or her home Faculty.

In order to receive accommodation for any missed quiz, midterm or final exam, medical documentation will be required. This documentation should be obtained at the time of the initial consultation with the physician or walk-in clinic. A student medical certificate can be downloaded from the following website: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf. Medical documentation for work worth less than 10% must be submitted by the student to the Course Coordinator. Medical documentation for work worth more than 10% must be submitted by the student directly to his or