



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Forensic Medicine

2223-3-I0101D015-I0101D048M

Aims

The course provides students with notions about legal medicine in all health care areas, in tort law assessment and in criminal cases. The basics of the judicial organization of the Italian State and its principal rules of criminal and civil procedure will be presented. Their essential regulations of nurse practice in respect of the health institutions and the patient will be discussed. Special forensic issues in healthcare will be presented: organ donation, abuse and neglect (children, elderly, vulnerable patient); death investigation, violent death and injuries; malpractice and health care professionals negligence; informed consent and relevance of medical and nurse records; professional secret in nurse practice.

Contents

The course aims to provide students with general principles connected to Health Organizations and their performance, with attention to health services, nursing organization and related tools; analysis of quality assessment instruments and their implementation, economic science and fundamentals, knowledge of regulations system in public and private context of work, with specific attention to forensic subject and nurse accountability.

Detailed program

Duties of legal medicine (Court Forensic cases and forensic clinical medicine). Medico-legal methodology: causation evaluation. Nurse-patient relation: legitimacy of medical treatment, informed consent, national health system, professional secret. Medical and nurse records: certification, documentation of treatment.

Health professional obligations to criminal courts (communication of crime or suspected crime). Criminal law: homicide, personal injuries; domestic violence, sexual violence. Special Laws: organ donation and transplantation

of organs and tissues; conscientious objection in medicine. Medical malpractice: tort law and criminal law and role of the forensic expert. Social Insurances and welfare system Elements of traumatology, medico-legal evaluation of injuries. Elements of Thanatology: medico-legal aspects of death; autopsy for the prosecutor's office and clinical autopsy.

Prerequisites

Contents learned during the previous two years concerning legal, organizational and responsibilities elements related to nurse activity.

Teaching form

Lectures face-to-face with digital presentations containing also diagrams explaining concepts related to individual disciplines.

In case of distance learning lectures will be online remotely, asynchronous with some events in synchronous videoconference.

Textbook and teaching resource

Teaching materials on the moodle e-learning university website; Carnevale A., D'Ovidio C. (2005) La professione di Infermiere. Aspetti giuridici, medico-legali etico-deontologici, Padova: Piccin Editore; Zagra M., Argo A., Madea B., Procaccianti P., Bertol E. (2018) Medicina Legale orientata per problemi, II Ed. Edra-Masson

Other educational resources for personal interest: Papi L. (2013) Elementi di Medicina legale per Infermieristica, Pisa University Press; Barbieri G., Pennini A. (2013) Le responsabilità dell'infermiere. Dalla normativa alla pratica, Ed. Carocci Faber

Semester

First semester

Assessment method

Written examination: Multiple Choice test for a control on specific topics of the programme + 2 open questions with short explanations of two topics.

In case of social distancing the exam will be an oral exam online with 2 questions about the programme.

Office hours

face-to-face or online via webex on appointment arranged by e-mail.

Sustainable Development Goals

GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
