



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Introduction To Professional Ethics

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#### Aims

The course introduces the student to an understanding of the ethical and deontological principles and concepts to be followed in caring for the patient and focuses on the development of an ethical and deontological knowledge base to guide his or her actions as a 'moral agent'.

The course provides the student with the knowledge to be able to understand

- the meaning of morality, ethics and deontology;
- the principles and ethical concepts underlying the Code of Ethics of the Nursing Professions;
- the ethical and deontological implications of nursing practice.

#### Contents

The meaning of morality, ethics and deontology; ethical principles according to principlism; ethical concepts for nursing practice according to Fry & Johnstone; the Code of Ethics for the Nursing Professions (structure, principles and underlying ethical concepts); deontological and legal implications in professional practice in relation to some issues of professional relevance, also with reference to recent regulatory indications.

#### Detailed program

**General principles and introduction to ethics:** the formation of values, the nature of values (personal, moral, cultural, religious, professional), the conflict of values, the concepts of morality, ethics and bioethics, the nurse as a moral agent, ethical responsibility, moral development according to Kohlberg, the main ethical orientations (principlism, personalism, utilitarianism, etc.), ethical principles according to principlism (autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence, justice, truthfulness and faithfulness), ethics and human rights, Health as a right. ),

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**Professional Deontology:** Deontology and the development of Deontological Codes in the nursing profession; structure, functions and general characteristics of the Code of Ethics of the International Council of Nurses (ICN, 2021); structure, functions and general characteristics of the Code of Ethics of the Nursing Professions (FNOPI, 2019) and its analysis according to principles, ethical concepts, deontological and legal implications in relation to some issues of professional relevance, also with reference to recent regulatory indications (e.g. restraint, non-discrimination, privacy, informed consent, refusal of healthcare treatments, will to limit interventions and advance treatment declarations, safety of care and of the assisted person, professional liability).

## Prerequisites

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## Teaching form

All lectures are delivered in face-to-face mode with the possibility of guided discussion of clinical cases and videos.

## Textbook and teaching resource

### Core bibliography for the exam (all the schools):

Fry ST, Johnston MJ (2004) Etica per la pratica infermieristica Milano: CEA (capitoli 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).

International Council of Nurses – ICN (2021) Il Codice Deontologico del Consiglio Internazionale degli Infermieri. Edizione italiana a cura della Consociazione Nazionale Infermiere/i (CNAI). Disponibile da: <https://www.cnai.pro/codice-deontologico>

Federazione Nazionale Ordini delle Professioni Infermieristiche - FNOPI (2019) Il Codice Deontologico delle Professioni Infermieristiche. Roma: FNOPI. Disponibile da: <https://www.fnopi.it/norme-e-codici/deontologia/#1571846131365-8f70c763-6358>

FNOPI (2020) Commentario al Nuovo Codice Deontologico delle Professioni infermieristiche. Roma: FNOPI. Disponibile da: <https://www.fnopi.it/norme-e-codici/deontologia/#1591704891407-86a8af84-82f7>

Campo A, Draoli N, Mastorianni C, Pittella D, Prandi C, Rosini I, Scipioni S. (2019) La disciplina infermieristica all'interno della Legge 219/17 "Norme in materia di consenso informato e di disposizioni anticipate di trattamento". Roma: FNOPI. Disponibile da: <https://www.fnopi.it/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Linee-Guida-Fine-Vita.pdf>

DECRETO LEGISLATIVO 10 agosto 2018, n. 101 "Disposizioni per l'adeguamento della normativa nazionale alle disposizioni del regolamento (UE) 2016/679 del Parlamento europeo e del Consiglio, del 27 aprile 2016, relativo alla protezione delle persone fisiche con riguardo al trattamento dei dati personali, nonché alla libera circolazione di tali dati e che abroga la direttiva 95/46/CE (regolamento generale sulla protezione dei dati)".

LEGGE 22 dicembre 2017, n. 219 "Norme in materia di consenso informato e di disposizioni anticipate di trattamento".

LEGGE 8 marzo 2017, n. 24 "Disposizioni in materia di sicurezza delle cure e della persona assistita, nonché in materia di responsabilità professionale degli esercenti le professioni sanitarie".

## Semester

Second semester.

### **Assessment method**

The details are available in the Syllabus of Metodologia clinica nelle scienze infermieristiche.

### **Office hours**

By appointment.

### **Sustainable Development Goals**

GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING | GENDER EQUALITY | REDUCED INEQUALITIES | PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS | PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

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