### Ethics Paper

The purpose of this assignment is to have students understand and consider the ethical dilemmas they may face in the nursing/medical field. Each student will choose an ethical situation (some examples are listed below) and then find a case study in nursing literature that is applicable to the dilemma. Then each student will write:

1. a 5 to 7-page paper in APA format,
2. Use 3 references (2 of the references must be nursing journals), arguing or supporting the dilemma. In addition to addressing the ethical dilemma,
3. Students must include a self-evaluation on their stance and address one of the 5 Ethical Principles and how it relates to their dilemma.

References are to be used to expand on the discussion in the case study in addition to provide support for the student’s reasoning. This paper does not need to include an abstract, but all other APA components are required.

(Ethical Principles can be found in Giddens pgs. 407 – 408)

***Since this is a portfolio assignment, students must complete and submit the portfolio reflection piece as well.***

Situations to Consider:

1. Ethics in the ICU: Withdrawal of care in the critically ill patient.
2. Who makes decisions for the cognitively impaired?
3. Privacy/Confidentiality issues of a critically ill patient.
4. Does a patient/parents have the right to refuse?
5. Licensing ramifications if policy & procedure are not carried out appropriately by the nurse.

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### **Ethics Paper Rubric**

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| **Objectives** | **Points Possible** | **Points Earned** | **Comments** |
| Use of the Nursing literature | 1 |  |  |
| APA format (including reference page) | 2 |  |  |
| Argument or support of the dilemma | 5 |  |  |
| Self-evaluation | 1 |  |  |
| Application of ethical principle | 1 |  |  |
| Total Points: | 10 |  |  |

This assignment will be **Due February 19/20 by 11:59 pm**.Assignments will be uploaded to Blackboard. Points will be deducted for each day the assignment is late.