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COURSE BROCHURE

Ethical and Legal Nursing Practice in South Africa

Health Sciences and Social Services / Preventive Health

Unit Standard 252080 · NQF Level 5 · 8 Credits · 5 Days

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course equips nursing professionals with the knowledge and skills to practice in accordance with the ethical and legal codes of nursing and the laws of South Africa. Participants will learn to apply ethical principles, legal frameworks, and professional standards to ensure safe, competent, and accountable patient care.

Category	Health Sciences and Social Services
Subfield	Preventive Health
Unit Standard	252080
Accreditation	SAQA Accredited · NQF Level 5 · 8 Credits
Duration	5 days
Training Method	Online, On-Campus, In-House
Certificate	Issued via AATICD LMS – verifiable online

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Apply the ethical principles of autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence, and justice in nursing practice.
- Analyze legal frameworks governing nursing in South Africa, including the Nursing Act, Health Professions Act, and related legislation.
- Evaluate ethical dilemmas using appropriate decision-making models and justify actions taken.
- Demonstrate compliance with the South African Nursing Council (SANC) code of ethics and professional conduct.
- Implement measures to protect patient rights, including confidentiality, informed consent, and refusal of treatment.
- Integrate legal and ethical standards into documentation, reporting, and patient advocacy.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Registered nurses, enrolled nurses, nursing auxiliaries, and nursing students who need to understand and apply ethical and legal requirements in their daily practice.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1: Foundations of Ethical and Legal Nursing Practice

- Introduction to ethics and law in nursing
- Constitution of South Africa and the Bill of Rights
- Nursing Act, 2005 (Act No. 33 of 2005)
- Health Professions Act, 1974 (Act No. 56 of 1974)
- South African Nursing Council (SANC) regulations and scope of practice
- Ethical principles: autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence, justice
- Patient rights and the Patients' Rights Charter
- Professional accountability and responsibility

Day 2: Legal Frameworks and Professional Regulation

- National Health Act, 2003 (Act No. 61 of 2003)
- Mental Health Care Act, 2002 (Act No. 17 of 2002)
- Children's Act, 2005 (Act No. 38 of 2005)
- Consent: informed, implied, and written consent
- Confidentiality and privacy: legal obligations and exceptions
- Medical records: ownership, storage, and access
- SANC disciplinary procedures and code of conduct
- Professional indemnity and malpractice

Day 3: Ethical Decision-Making and Dilemmas

- Ethical decision-making models (e.g., Beauchamp & Childress)
- Moral distress and ethical resilience
- End-of-life care: advance directives, euthanasia, palliative care
- Resource allocation and distributive justice
- Ethical issues in reproductive health and genetics
- Role of institutional ethics committees
- Cultural and religious considerations in ethical decisions
- Case study analysis: ethical dilemmas in nursing practice

Day 4: Professional Boundaries and Accountability

- Professional boundaries: therapeutic vs. personal relationships
- Scope of practice: limitations and extensions
- Delegation and supervision: legal responsibilities
- Impairment: substance abuse, mental health, and reporting duties
- Peer review and clinical governance
- Whistleblowing and protection for reporters
- Legal consequences of negligence and misconduct
- Case law examples: disciplinary hearings and outcomes

Day 5: Integration and Application in Practice

- Developing a personal ethical practice framework
- Strategies for ethical advocacy and patient safety
- Continuing professional development (CPD) in ethics and law
- Collaborative ethical decision-making in interprofessional teams
- Legal risk management and documentation best practices

- Review of key legislative updates and trends
- Final assessment: case study integration and reflection
- Action plan for ethical and legal nursing practice

ASSESSMENT & CERTIFICATION

Delegates are assessed through exercises and a final test. A mark of **50% or above** earns an **AATICD Certificate of Completion**, issued digitally with a unique verification code. This course carries **8 NQF credits** at **NQF Level 5**.

PRICING (PER DELEGATE, EX-VAT)

Delegates	Training Method	Price per Delegate	Total
1	Online	R 24,200.00	R 24,200.00
1	In-House	R 31,400.00	R 31,400.00
1	On-Campus (Pretoria)	R 36,200.00	R 36,200.00

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Start	End	Method	Venue
17 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Harare, Zimbabwe
17 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Shenzhen, China
17 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa
17 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
17 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Pretoria, South Africa
17 Aug 2026	21 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Dubai, UAE
24 Aug 2026	28 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Abu Dhabi, UAE
24 Aug 2026	28 Aug 2026	On-Campus	Durban, South Africa

Contact us if no suitable date is listed – on-demand sessions can be arranged for groups.

HOW TO GET A QUOTE OR APPLY

1. **Get an instant quotation online:** visit www.aaticd.co.za, open the page for this course (Unit Standard 252080) and click **Get A Quote / Apply**. Select your training method and number of delegates – your quotation is generated immediately and emailed to you with the course brochure attached.
2. **Apply by email:** send the course title, your preferred training method (Online, In-House or On-Campus Pretoria), the number of delegates and your preferred dates to apply@aaticd.co.za – our team will reply with a formal quotation.
3. **Apply by phone or WhatsApp:** call **+27 12 004 8389** or WhatsApp **+27 65 077 6310** and we will prepare your quotation and reserve your seats.
4. **Confirm your booking:** accept the quotation and settle the invoice. As soon as payment is confirmed your delegates are enrolled and receive their AATICD LMS login details by email, along with joining instructions for their chosen training method.

Group discounts apply automatically – the more delegates you enrol, the lower the price per delegate. No payment is required to request a quotation.

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