NURSING ETHICS

Intensive Course on Foundational Approaches, Contemporary and Educational Issues in the Field of Nursing Ethics

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The Centre for Biomedical Ethics and Law consists of a number of experts in medical ethics and medical law. The Centre aspires to provide education, research and scientific and societal service in medical ethics and law. The Centre was created in 1986 and will celebrate in 2016 its 30th anniversary.
BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

Since the beginning of the 1980s, nursing ethics has developed to such a degree that it is now considered a fixture within applied ethics. The specific positions occupied within health care by nurses, their expertise and their responsibilities all result in them being confronted by ethically sensitive issues.

The objective of the course is to foster exchanges on foundational and methodological approaches as well as on contemporary and educational issues in nursing ethics. More specifically, the aims of this course are:

(1) To analyse fundamental notions that are being discussed in the field of nursing ethics, namely various notions of care, moral practice, the human person, vulnerability, dignity, and trust. As such, extensive understanding will be provided into the ethical and philosophical foundations of the practice of nursing.

(2) To educate participants on a range of ethical topics that are predominant in the contemporary debate in nursing ethics, namely, nursing ethics perspectives on end-of-life care and on care for older people. These topics will be explored from a philosophical-ethical perspective as well as from an empirical-ethical perspective.

(3) To introduce participants into methodological and educational aspects of nursing ethics.

(4) To establish exchange among national and international experts with respect to new developments in nursing ethics from an international perspective.

FORMAT

This course works from an interdisciplinary (philosophical, theological, nursing, clinical-ethical) perspective. During the course, national and international experts will give presentations on various topics in the domain of nursing ethics. There will be time for intensive discussions. The language of instruction will be English.

PARTICIPANTS

The course is of interest to participants from diverse professional backgrounds, such as nursing, medicine, philosophy and theology, health care administration, and PhD students undertaking courses of study in these areas.

The reading materials will be distributed on the first day of the intensive course.
Tuesday, 2 December 2014
Foundational Approaches

11h00: Welcome

11h00-13h00: Introduction in Nursing Ethics
Chris Gastmans

13h00-14h00: Lunch

14h00-15h30: Foundational Approaches to Nursing Ethics
Chris Gastmans

15h30-16h00: Refreshments

16h00-17h30: Introduction in Care Ethics
Chris Gastmans
PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 3 December 2014
Foundational Approaches

9h00-10h30: Introduction in Care Ethics: Case Study and Small Group Discussion
Chris Gastmans

10h30-11h00: Refreshments

11h00-13h00: Nurses and Intimacy and Sexuality in Dementia Care: Foundational Approaches
Lieslot Mahieu

13h00-14h00: Lunch

14h00-15h30: Nurses and Intimacy and Sexuality in Dementia care: Case Study and Small Group Discussion
Lieslot Mahieu

15h30-16h00: Refreshments

16h00-17h30: Keynote Lecture: Moral Distress: Conceptual and Operational Challenges
Joan McCarthy

17h30-18h00: Reception
Thursday, 4 December 2014
Educational Issues

9h00-10h30: Nurses’ Responses to Ethical Dilemmas in Nursing Practice
Bernadette Dierckx de Casterlé

10h30-11h30: Nurses’ Responses to Ethical Dilemmas in Nursing practice: Small Group Discussion
Bernadette Dierckx de Casterlé

12h00-13h30: Transfer by Bus to Moorsele

13h45-17h00: Nursing Ethics Education
Linus Vanlaere – Trees Coucke – Ann Lammens – Claude Vandevoorde

Visit to an innovative initiative in nursing ethics education: sTimul: Care Ethics Lab (www.stimul.be)

17h00-18h30: Dinner

20h00: Dance Performance

Concert Hall, Bruges

(http://www.concertgebouw.be)
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Friday, 5 December 2014
Methodological and Contemporary Issues

9h30-11h00: Grounded Theory and Nursing Ethics Research: Qualitative Analysis Guide of Leuven (QUAGOL)
Bernadette Dierckx de Casterlé

11h00-11h30: Refreshments

11h30-13h00: Nursing Ethics Perspectives on End-of-Life Care
Yvonne Denier

13h00-14h00: Lunch

14h00-15h30: Nursing Ethics Perspectives on End-of-Life Care: Small Group Discussion
Yvonne Denier

15h30-16h30: Nurses and Artificial Nutrition and Hydration Decision Making in Persons with Dementia
Chris Gastmans

16h30-17h00: Reception
**VENUE**

KU Leuven

Holy Spirit College
Louis Janssenszaal
Naamsestraat 40
3000 Leuven

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**REGISTRATION**

The course fee will be € 775 if you register and pay as a participant before October 15th 2014, € 875 for registration and payment from October 15th 2014 onwards. This fee includes tuition and course materials, as well as refreshments, four lunches, a dinner and a dance performance in the Concert Hall of Bruges. Deadline for registration and payment: November 25th 2014.

Detailed information on registration and payment can be found at our website [www.masterbioethics.org](http://www.masterbioethics.org) under Intensive Courses.

Participants are expected to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. Please refer to our website [www.masterbioethics.org](http://www.masterbioethics.org) for information on travelling and accommodation.

Erasmus+ provides funding opportunities for students and trainees, as well as for professors, teachers, trainers, staff of education institutions and civil society organisations to undertake a learning and/or professional experience in another country. For further information please refer to [http://ec.europa.eu/education/opportunities/higher-education/staff_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/opportunities/higher-education/staff_en.htm) and [http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index_en.htm#hp_guide](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index_en.htm#hp_guide)

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