

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College  
Course Content Summary**

**Course Prefix and Number:** HLT 145

**Credits:** 1

**Course Title:** Ethics for Health Care Personnel

**Course Description:** Focuses on ethical concepts of health care. Emphasizes confidentiality; maintaining patient records; personal appearance; professionalism with patients, clients, and associates; and an awareness of health care facilities. Lecture 1 hour per week.

**General Course Purpose:** This course will explore the concepts for ethical and professional work environments with fellow colleagues and patients, clients, and associates in the health care field.

**Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:**

None

**Course Objectives:**

Upon completing this course, the student will be able to

- a. Define key ethical concepts in health care;
- b. Identify behaviors of professionalism in health care; and
- c. Discuss the environment of confidentiality within health care.

**Major Topics to Be Included:**

- a. Introduction to ethics – personal and professional
- b. Behaviors of professionalism
  1. Respect
  2. Responsibility and accountability
  3. Altruism
  4. Honor and integrity
  5. Caring, compassion, and communication
  6. Excellence (quality improvement) and scholarship
  7. Leadership
  8. Knowledge and skills related to professionalism
- c. Environment of confidentiality

**Effective Date of Course Content Summary:** June 2, 2016