I. **Catalog Description and Credit Hours of Course:** Analyzes legal and ethical situations from the consumer and professional perspective encountered in advanced nursing roles. (2)

II. **Prerequisite(s):** Admission to graduate program or consent of instructor.

III. **Objectives of the Course:***

A. Analyze common ethical dilemmas experienced by nurses in advanced roles.

B. Engage in ethical decision making with evaluative considerations of the ethical methods used in the process.

C. Discuss conflicts among personal, professional, and organizational perspectives when involved in ethical decision making.

D. Evaluate the performance of an ethics committee established in a health care delivery system.

E. Explore legal influences pertinent to advanced nursing roles.

IV. **Expectations of Students:**

A. Apply a selected method of ethical decision making to an ethical dilemma commonly experienced by nurses in advanced roles.

B. Present an ethical framework for decision making, evaluating applicability to advanced nursing roles.

C. Attend an ethics committee meeting within the health care delivery system with written evaluation of experience.

D. Present resolution to a legal problem commonly experienced by nurses in advanced roles.

E. Active and knowledgeable participation in classroom discussions.
V. **Course Content Outline (Indicate number of class hours per unit or section):**

A. Ethics: Major Concepts and Principles (2 hours)

B. Nursing Ethics (2 hours)

C. Ethical Dilemmas in Advanced Nursing Roles (4 hours)

D. Frameworks for Ethical Decision-Making (4 hours)

E. Ethics Committees in the Health Care Delivery System (4 hours)

F. Legal Issues Pertinent to Advanced Nursing Role Implementation (2 hours)

G. Student Presentations of Ethical Dilemmas (6 hours)

H. Student Presentations of Legal Issues (6 hours)

TOTAL: 30 hours

VI. **Textbook(s) and/or Other Required Materials or Equipment:**


D. Additional readings from various resources will be required.

VII. **Basis for Student Evaluation:**

A. Ethical Dilemma Case Study (20%)

B. Oral & Written Presentation of Ethical Decision Making Framework Application and Evaluation (30%)

C. Evaluation of Ethical Committee Assignment (10%)

D. Presentation of Legal Issue (30%)

E. Participation in Class Discussions (10%)

Total: 100%