Overview
This course surveys the law governing the provision of treatment, counselling and care in Ontario. Topics covered include: consent, capacity to consent, end-of-life decisions making, negligence, documentation, confidentiality, disclosure, mandatory reporting, and health information privacy. The course is open to all Western undergraduates (other than law students enrolled in the J.D. program). There are no prerequisites.

Schedule
This winter-term course consists of three lecture hours per week. The classes are Tuesdays, 11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. and Thursdays, 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M., in Room 2050 of the Social Sciences Centre.

Readings
The required text is *Healthcare Law 3101: Course Materials*. Students are expected to attend the classes and prepare for them by reading the assigned pages. The reading schedule for each class is available online on the OWL course page and in the following pages.

Course Coordinator
The course co-ordinator is Mysty Clapton (mclapton@uwo.ca). The course co-ordinator is available by email to answer questions about accommodations, enrolment, evaluations, and OWL.

Teaching Assistants
There are two Teaching Assistants (TAs): Ailbish Skinner (askinn7@uwo.ca) and Jordan Schubert (jschuber@uwo.ca). The TAs are available by e-mail to help with any problem related to the course content, and will be monitoring the class bulletin board (Discussions) on Sakai. When you have specific questions about the course material please contact the TAs. For questions about Chapters I to VII contact Ailbish and for questions about chapters VIII to XIII contact Jordan.

E-Mail
E-mail is the primary method used to communicate with students outside of class. Be sure to check your email regularly or you may miss important information. E-mail will be sent to your UWO e-mail address. If you wish to forward your mail to some other address, make sure you set your UWO account to do so properly. Also, please ensure that your UWO mailbox (and the one being forwarded to) does not get so full that e-mails are rejected. **If you send an e-mail to the instructor, course coordinator or TA, please include "Healthcare Law" at the start of the subject line.**
OWL (powered by Sakai)
The course page for Healthcare Law 3101 is available on OWL. You can log into the course website at https://owltoo.uwo.ca/portal.

Evaluation
The grades in the course are based on three components: (a) a 45% by multiple-choice final examination in April; (b) a 30% multiple choice midterm examination in February; and (c) a 25% component based on the 12 short (15-20 minutes), weekly on-line quizzes. There are no other assignments or essays. As required by University rules, students are hereby informed that software will be used to check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

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Midterm Examination
The one-hour, multiple choice midterm examination will take place in February at a date and time to be confirmed by the Registrar’s Office. You are required to arrive in class on time. Late arrivals will not receive extra time to complete the midterm. The midterm examination will cover the first 6 chapters of the course materials and is worth 30% of your final grade in the course. The midterm examination is closed book.

Final Examination
The two-hour, multiple choice final examination will take place in April at a date and time set by the Registrar’s Office. The final examination is non-cumulative and will cover Chapters 7-13 of the course materials. The final examination is worth 45% of your final grade in the course. The final examination is closed book.

Weekly Quizzes
The purposes of the quizzes are to: encourage you to do the readings and stay on top of the material; stay better "connected" to the course; reveal any misunderstandings you are having with the materials or lectures; and give you practice for the multiple-choice examinations you will be writing in February and April.

The quizzes are short (approximately 6 questions) and each should take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. Nevertheless, you can take as much time as you wish to complete the quiz once you start. Time for answering the questions once you have started the quiz is not limited. That said, do not confuse the unlimited time allowed for completing the quiz with the limited time period within which you must submit your completed quiz for academic credit (see Quiz Schedule below). The quizzes are located in the relevant weekly folder on OWL.
A new quiz will be available on a weekly basis and must be completed within a two-week period in order to receive marks. Note that you have 3 weeks to submit the two quizzes (Chapter VI and VII) before Reading Week and that you have only 1 week to complete the last quiz (Chapter XIII). Each quiz can be completed once only. Each quiz is weighted equally for a total of 25% of your final grade in the course. The quiz must be submitted by 11:59 pm on the due date.

**Academic Accommodation for Medical Illness or Non-Medical Absences**

A student seeking academic accommodation for any work worth less than 10% (i.e. weekly quizzes) must contact the course coordinator, Mysty Clapton. A student seeking academic accommodation for any work worth more than 10% (i.e. midterm and final examinations) must contact the academic counsellor at his or her home Faculty.

To receive accommodation for any missed quiz, midterm or final examination, medical documentation will be required. This documentation should be obtained at the time of the initial consultation with the physician or walk-in clinic. A student medical certificate can be downloaded from the following website: [https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm](https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm) (under the Medical Documentation heading). Medical documentation for work worth less than 10% must be submitted by the student to the course coordinator, Mysty Clapton. Medical documentation for work worth more than 10% must be submitted by the student directly to his or her Dean’s office, and it will be the Dean’s office that will make the determination whether accommodation is warranted. The Dean’s office of the student will, in turn, notify the course coordinator.

Documentation is required for non-medical absences. Students should contact their Faculty Academic Counselling Office to determine what documentation is needed.

Whenever possible, students who require academic accommodation should provide notification and documentation in advance of due dates, examinations, etc. Students must follow up with their professors and their Academic Counselling office in a timely manner. Documentation for any request for accommodation shall be submitted, as soon as possible, to the appropriate Academic Counselling Office of the student’s Faculty of registration. For BHSc students, you may go to the School of Health Studies Office in HSB room 222.

**Use of Electronic Devices**

The use of any electronic communication equipment or device (e.g., cell phones) is prohibited during the midterm or final examinations. Laptops may be used during the Tuesday and Thursday lectures for any course-related purpose (e.g. note-taking, OWL, viewing PPT, etc).

**Scholastic Offences**

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following website: [http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf)

**Support Services**

There are various support services around campus. These include, but are not limited to:

WEEK ONE

Tuesday, January 8, 2013
Class 1: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Overview of Course
Chapter I: The Changing Legal Environment
Chapter II: Legislation, Terms and Concepts

Thursday, January 10, 2013
Class 2: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Completion of Chapter II
Review and Questions

WEEK TWO

Tuesday, January 15, 2013
Class 3: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Chapter III: Consent and Capacity (Competency)

Thursday, January 17, 2013
Class 4: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Completion of Chapter III
Review and Questions

WEEK THREE

Tuesday, January 22, 2013
Class 5: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Chapter IV: Substitute Consent

Wednesday, January 23, 2013
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Midterm Examination

Thursday, January 24, 2013
Class 6: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Completion of Chapter IV
Review and Questions

WEEK FOUR

Tuesday, January 29, 2013
Class 7: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Chapter V: Miscellaneous Consent Issues

Thursday, January 31, 2013
Class 8: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Completion of Chapter V
Review and Questions

WEEK FIVE

Tuesday, February 5, 2013
Class 9: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Chapter VI: General Principles of Negligence

Thursday, February 7, 2013
Class 10: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Completion of Chapter VI
Review and Questions

WEEK SIX

Tuesday, February 12, 2013
Class 11: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Chapter VII: Standard of Care and Its Breach

Thursday, February 14, 2013
Class 12: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Midterm Examination

WEEK SEVEN: READING WEEK

Tuesday, February 19, 2013 – Friday, February 22, 2013

WEEK EIGHT

Tuesday, February 26, 2013
Class 13: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Chapter VIII: Duties of Affirmative Action

Thursday, February 28, 2013
Class 14: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Completion of Chapter VIII
Review and Questions
WEEK NINE
Tuesday, March 5, 2013
Class 15: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Chapter IX: Documentation and Related Issues

Thursday, March 7, 2013
Class 16: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Completion of Chapter IX
Review and Questions

WEEK TEN
Tuesday, March 12, 2013
Class 17: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Chapter X: Confidentiality and Privilege

Thursday, March 14, 2013
Class 18: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Completion of Chapter X
Review and Questions

WEEK ELEVEN
Tuesday, March 19, 2013
Class 19: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Chapter XI: Disclosure

Thursday, March 21, 2013
Class 20: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Completion of Chapter XI
Review and Questions

WEEK TWELVE
Tuesday, March 26, 2013
Class 21: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Chapter XII: Mandatory Reporting and the Duty to Warn

Thursday, March 28, 2013
Class 22: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Completion of Chapter XII
Review and Questions

WEEK THIRTEEN
Tuesday, April 2, 2013
Class 23: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Chapter XIII: Provincial Health Information Privacy Legislation

Thursday, April 4, 2013
Class 24: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Completion of Chapter XIII
Review and Questions

WEEK FOURTEEN
Tuesday, April 9, 2013
Class 25: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Review Class

Thursday, April 11, 2013
Class 26: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Review Class

FINAL EXAMINATION: Date, Time and Place TBA
## Quiz Schedule

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