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Ethics and jurisprudence 710 (RLE 710)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Health Sciences
Module credits	30.00
Programmes	Postgrad Dipl in Dentistry Practice Management
Prerequisites	A minimum of one year practice experience
Contact time	determined by Head of Department
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Dental Management Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

To be a good healthcare practitioner requires a life-long commitment to sound professional and ethical practices and an overriding dedication to the interests of fellow human beings and society. The term "profession" means "a dedication, promise or commitment publicly made". Practice as a healthcare professional is based on a relationship of mutual trust between patients and healthcare practitioners. In the course of their professional work healthcare practitioners are required to subscribe to certain rules of conduct. To this end the Health Professionals Council of South Africa (HPCSA) has formulated a set of rules regarding professional conduct against which complaints of professional misconduct will be evaluated. These rules are presented in the basic subject, Ethics and jurisprudence.

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