ETHICS AND THE DNP-PREPARED NURSE

[](https://cdn-media.waldenu.edu/2dett4d/Walden/Canvas/Adobe/OrigImage-LgRendition/AdobeStockLicense_73623868.jpeg)You are likely already upholding ethics in nursing and healthcare delivery in your current nursing practice experience. As mentioned in the introduction for this week, a patient-focused approach that promotes the delivery of safe, quality, and cost-effective healthcare for promoting positive patient outcomes represents a fundamental alignment to ethical principles for the delivery of healthcare. In your journey toward becoming a DNP-prepared nurse, you will continue to uphold ethical principles in your nursing practice and will likely continue to serve as an advocate for adhering to these principles in all you do.

For this Discussion, reflect on the case studies/scenarios related to ethical challenges presented in this week’s Learning Resources. Think about how these ethical challenges may mirror your own experiences in nursing practice. Consider what other ethical challenges may arise in your own nursing practice or as you continue your program of study.

RESOURCES

Be sure to review the Learning Resources before completing this activity.  
Click the weekly resources link to access the resources.

[**WEEKLY RESOURCES**](https://waldenu.instructure.com/courses/57260/modules/items/1368656)

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TO PREPARE:

* Review the case studies/scenarios related to ethical challenges presented in this week’s Learning Resources.
* Reflect on ethical challenges related to the organization or at the point of care that you may have encountered in your nursing practice.
* Consider what new ethical challenges you might face once you obtain your doctoral degree.

BY DAY 3 OF WEEK 10

**Post** an explanation of at least two significant ethical issues relevant to the DNP-prepared nurse. Then explain how these issues might compare to the types of issues you have encountered in your practice. Be specific and provide examples.