

# Healthcare Ethics and Law (Part-time, online)

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## An Interview with...

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## **Nicolette Harrison**

Director of Regulation,  
Human Tissue Authority



**Nicolette Harrison's fascinating career to date as a Civil and Public Servant in various government departments still leaves her scope to learn and acquire new knowledge.**

**In her current role as a Director of Regulation for the Human Tissue Authority, Nicky wanted to explore the topics of ethics, philosophy and academic law so the LLM in Healthcare Ethics and Law felt like a perfect match.**

**The course helps her to develop her critical analysis and argumentation skills, and enhances her decision-making skills.**

## **ETHICAL SIDE OF HEALTHCARE LAW**

"I've dealt with legal matters a lot in my professional life, mostly from a regulatory and compliance perspective but I have never studied ethics or philosophy, or studied law from an academic perspective", says Nicky.

The healthcare ethics and law online course provides a balanced combination of ethical and legal topics which help Nicky boost her decision-making skills.

The important legal and ethical concepts such as consent and autonomy which are featured prominently in the course content, help Nicky formulate her decisions about the use of human tissue and bodies. "The Human Tissue Act is essentially a piece of healthcare law founded on these principles, as well as respect for others, and I wanted to delve into these matters and explore philosophical issues surrounding healthcare law."

## **CONSTRUCTING LOGICAL ARGUMENTS**

"I certainly feel the training in analysis and constructing arguments, as well as the understanding of legal and ethical principles has been hugely helpful for my role."

The course is assessed by assignments that help Nicky structure and present clear, robust and defensible arguments as well as improve her logical reasoning and critical analysis skills.

"This is a great course for broadening your skills and opening up opportunities in broader healthcare regulatory or police spheres."

It is a good launchpad for professionals working in healthcare regulation who wish to progress and develop into a senior role." Nicky advocates.

## **STUDYING ONLINE**

Despite being new to online learning, Nicky found the virtual learning environment easy to navigate around. "It took me some time to get to grips with it, but I am very impressed at how easy it is to search for material through the online library."

Nicky found the tutor support particularly beneficial. The constructive and detailed feedback she has received from the academic team, helped her achieve higher marks in her assignments.

Finding a good balance between working and studying can be challenging, but "the flexibility of online learning has been really good and is much appreciated." Planning is key and taking time to create a routine of study has been a technique that worked well for Nicky.

She advises prospective students to invest time in their assignments, identify slots in the diary and, if possible, break down what needs to be done into small, manageable tasks.

## **NEW WAYS OF COMMUNITY BUILDING**

Engaging with the interactive tools the course offers was something that Nicky enjoyed, as they contributed to a sense of community.

"The video clips and interactive activities on the Mental Health Law module were really good and created a sense of connection with the tutors and other students."

She admits that even though most of the work involved individual assignments, "the online community has worked well for keeping students in touch."

She particularly enjoyed interacting with professionals from all over the world and discussing issues raised in the course materials.

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