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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2024/2025

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF  
SCIENCE IN NURSING AND BACHELOR OF HEALTH SYSTEM MANAGEMENT

**NCU 3101- PROFESSIONALISM AND ETHICS IN HEALTH CARE**

**DATE: JANUARY 2025**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** All Questions **One** and any Other question

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**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a) Distinguish between a profession and an occupation (4 marks)
- b) State five characteristics of a profession (5 marks).
- c) State six types of health care agencies (6 marks).
- d) State five barriers to professionalism (5 marks).
- e) Explain how stress in the work place affects a professional (10 marks).

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

Describe the Cohen's socialization model (20 marks).

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

Safe professional practice includes an understanding of the legal boundaries within which the professionals practice.

- a) Differentiate between laws and ethics (4 marks).
- b) State four types of laws (4 marks).
- c) Describe the following legal issues in professional practice:



- i. Informed consent (4 marks).
- ii. Confidentiality (4 marks).
- iii. Assault and battery (4 marks).

