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A current ethical issue related to nursing would be lack of staffing in the healthcare field. While working with healthcare agency, I've experience this numerous of times. As an agency nurse you never know what will walk into when picking up shifts at a healthcare facility. As nurses, we need to utilize moral courage when we are face with a dilemma or dealing with unethical, and unsafe practices. Nurses must ensure they provide the best care for their patients and not to cause any harm. This can become challenging while working short . Due to a nursing shortage the cons are poor patient care that could result in poor outcomes for the patient. Nursing shortages can lead to burnout, errors, and dissatisfaction. ANA code six states, the nurse establishes ,maintains, and improves the ethical environment of the work setting, and conditions of employment that are conducive to safe ,quality health care. As nurses we must clearly understand ethical principles that guide our profession and recognize our own moral and ethical foundation. There can be situations where nurses may perceive a conflict between the Code of Ethics and the practical realities of patient care. In such situations, nurses are encouraged to make the best ethical decision for patient well-being (Morris, 2023). Nurses should not be afraid to address unethical conditions in the healthcare field. A positive work environment encourages nurses to stay longer at the facility, they can refer more nurses to open positions it would be easier to retain and recruit nurses.

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