



Course Description

HIM2012 | Legal Aspects of Health Care | 2.00 credits

This course provides basic knowledge of the United States of America court system and the interconnection between the health care system and the federal government. The student will learn concepts relating to Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA, ethics, release of health information, record retention, and the legalities of electronic health records. Prerequisite: ENC1101.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate a working knowledge of health records and legal requirements by:

1. Applying the process of how a bill becomes law
2. Analyzing the conduct of “duty of care”
3. Comparing informed, uninformed, expressed, and implied consent

Competency 2: The student will be able to demonstrate resolution in issues of disclosures, consents, and perform audits by:

1. Adhering to HIPAA’s stand on confidentiality
2. Identifying special situations in consent: minors, spouses, language barriers, and when consent is unnecessary
3. Evaluating components of a compliance program

Competency 3: The student will demonstrate knowledge of risk and quality management and the impact the health record makes in the health care setting by:

1. Identifying principles of ethical reasoning
2. Creating a policy for email usage of health information
3. Interpreting the laws concerning fraud and abuse and its impact

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Demonstrate knowledge of ethical thinking and its application to issues in society