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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE: HMT 215 LEGAL ASPECT OF HEALTHCARE ADMIN

HOURS: Lecture: **3** Lab/Shop: **0** Work Exp/Clinical: **0** Credits: **3**

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course provides a practical examination of healthcare law from the administrative perspective. Emphasis is placed on healthcare law with a working knowledge of ways to improve quality and the legal delivery of healthcare. Upon completion, students should be able to understand and apply healthcare laws as they relate to the financing, delivery, privacy, and malpractice of healthcare organizations.

PREREQUISITE(S): None

COREQUISITE(S): None

TEXTBOOK(S) & OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Open Educational Resources (OER) are listed in the course Moodle.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Discuss the differences between public law and private law and the quasi-legal requirements to which Healthcare Organizations are subject.
2. Discuss the court systems and legal procedures to process cases.
3. Identify instances where disclosures pursuant to legal process is appropriate or inappropriate to be able to properly respond to the legal process.
4. Discuss the legal theories underlying lawsuits in the health care field.
5. Identify ethical challenges and determine how to resolve the dilemmas posed in varying situations.
6. Apply critical thinking skills to situations at work and everyday life and reach ethical resolutions.
7. Discuss bioethics and the issues that result from technologic and scientific advances.
8. Identify the traditional concept of a health record and other formats in explaining the legal requirements governing the content, retention and destruction of health information.
9. Discuss the responsibilities that confidentiality and informed consent place on health information professionals.
10. Develop and implement policies and procedures addressing access and disclosure of patient specific information.
11. Identify the difference between specialized patient records and effective policies to manage the records while addressing legal concerns and issues.
12. Discuss the evolution of utilization management and the utilization review process.
13. Select and implement an information system that meets the needs of the organization but sufficiently address legal concerns.

14. Prevent health care fraud and abuse by identifying inaccurate claims to the government and private payers.
15. Discuss employee rights and identify how they are applied in the workplace.

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