



COURSE SYLLABUS

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COURSE: MED 118 MEDICAL LAW AND ETHICS

HOURS: Lecture: 2 Lab/Shop: 0 Work Exp/Clinical: 0 Credits: 2

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course covers legal relationships of physicians and patients, contractual agreements, professional liability, malpractice, medical practice acts, informed consent, and bioethical issues. Emphasis is placed on legal terms, professional attitudes, and the principles and basic concepts of ethics and laws involved in providing medical services. Upon completion, students should be able to meet the legal and ethical responsibilities of a multi-skilled healthcare professional.

PREREQUISITE(S): DRE 098 or ENG 002 or BSP 4002 or ENG 111

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. Identify scope of practice and standards of care for medical assistants. (X.C.1.)
2. Identify the provider role in terms of standard of care. (X.C.2)
3. Identify components of the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA) (X.C.3)
4. Identify the standards outlined in The Patient Care Partnership. (X.C.4)
5. Identify licensure and certification as they apply to healthcare providers. (X.C.5)
6. Identify criminal and civil law as they apply to the practicing medical assistant. (X.C.6)
7. Identify the purpose of medical malpractice insurance. (X.C.8)
8. Define: (X.C.7)
 - a. Negligence
 - b. malpractice
 - c. Stature of limitations
 - d. Good Samaritan acts
 - e. Uniform Anatomical Gift Act
 - f. Living will/advanced directives
 - g. Medical durable power of attorney
 - h. Patient Self Determination Act (PSDA)
 - i. Risk management
9. Define: (X.I.C.1)
 - a. Ethics
 - b. morals
10. Identify the effects of personal morals on professional performance. (X.I.C.3)
11. Identify: (X.C.10)

- a. Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act
 - b. Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA)
 - c. Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA)
12. Identify the process in compliance reporting: (X.C.11)
- a. unsafe activities
 - b. errors in patient care
 - c. conflicts of interest
 - d. incident reports
13. Identify compliance with public health statutes: (X.C.12)
- a. communicable diseases
 - b. abuse, neglect, and exploitation
 - c. wounds of violence
14. Define the following medical legal terms: (X.C.13)
- a. informed consent
 - b. implied consent
 - c. expressed consent
 - d. patient incompetence
 - e. emancipated minor
 - f. mature minor
 - g. subpoena duces tecum
 - h. respondent superior
 - i. res ipsa loquitor
 - j. locum tenens
 - k. defendant-plaintiff
 - l. deposition
 - m. arbitration-mediation

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