

Legal Issues in Nursing

Class Description:

Nursing, as all licensed professionals need to understand the professional standards by which they are going to be held accountable. The concept of codified standards and common law standards is explained. Nurses and licensed professionals will learn the “five rights” of delegation to avoid any negligent delegation issues. This course will explain the four required elements of malpractice and a general overview of the defense of these types of actions. Additionally, this course discusses the importance of working within a professional’s “scope of practice.”

Class Objectives:

Upon Completion participants will be able to:

- Describe the standards of “Usual and customary” and “reasonable professional” standards.
- State the four elements of professional malpractice litigation.
- Explain codified professional standards established on minimal standards.
- Understand licensing boards have procedures and processes when complaints are filed against the licensee.

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Class Quiz: True/False

1. As a licensed professional you will be held to "professional standards."
2. Practicing as a licensed professional you need to understand the concepts of "usual and customary" and the "reasonable professional" standards.
3. The five "rights" of delegation are: the right task, the right circumstances, the right person, the right direction/communication, and the right supervision.
4. The four elements of malpractice are: duty, breach. Proximate cause and damages.
5. A nurse who is filling a shift in a facility just needs to say "I am just an agency nurse" so they will never be held accountable or sued.
6. Each licensed professional needs to work within their established "scope of practice."

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Class Evaluation

Student Information:

Name: _____ Date: _____

I am a (check all that apply):

- RN LPN NHA HR DON ADON
 MDS Nurse Corp. Nurse Nursing Assistant Other: _____

Number of years in the profession:

- 2 or less 3 - 4 5 - 8 9 - 12 13 - 16 17 or more

Type of facility:

- Nursing Facility Home Health/Hospice CCRD Home for MRDD
 Assisted Living Supplier Other: _____

Session Evaluation:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No Opinion	Agree	Strongly Agree
Program fulfilled by expectations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Topics were of interest to me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Audio-visual was effective.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Objectives were clearly stated and met.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would recommend this seminar to others.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Speaker Evaluation:

	No Opinion	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Peg Tobin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mary Taylor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:
