

## OHL021 – Legal Aspects

<b>Credit Hour Recommendation:</b> 2 Semester Hours
<b>Prerequisites:</b> None
<b>Related TAG:</b> Health Information Management
<b>Course Description:</b> Evaluation of health care records as legal documents, special emphasis on policies and procedures concerning release of medical information and protecting patient confidentiality, principles and organization of the judicial system, and healthcare fraud and abuse and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability (HIPAA) regulations. Ethical issues in healthcare settings concerning the privacy and security of healthcare should be addressed.
All of the learning outcomes with an asterisk are essential and must be met.
1. Differentiate between the types and sources of law, which constitute a basis for the use of medical or health information in litigation.*
2. Distinguish between the components of the court system and trial process as related to the use of medical or health information in litigation.*
3. Differentiate between types of evidence, process of e-discovery and the permissible use of evidence in litigation.*
4. Appraise elements of negligence as related to standards of practice for the healthcare facility and the healthcare professional.*
5. Recognize potential malpractice problems based upon the legal principles and standards of practice for healthcare professionals and/or facilities.*
6. Interpret legal issues related to obtaining consent for treatment by healthcare facilities and healthcare professionals.*
7. Distinguish between confidential and non-confidential information within a healthcare information system.*
8. Assess general legal principles governing access to confidential health information in a variety of circumstances.*

9. Interpret laws, regulations, standards, and ethics that govern and control the maintenance, disclosure, re-disclosure, and destruction of health information.*
10. Apply regulatory policies and procedures for access and disclosure of protected health information (PHI) as required by federal law, including but not limited to the HIPAA Privacy Rule.*
11. Apply regulatory policies and procedures as required by federal law, including but not limited to the HIPAA Security Regulations.*
12. Apply appropriate statutory requirements and/or applicable standards of practice to requests for access, use and disclosure of highly sensitive health information.*
13. Interpret laws, regulations, and standards of practice as related to legal aspects of quality improvement, risk management and corporate compliance programs.*
14. Apply ethical standards and moral responsibility for protecting the privacy and confidentiality of health information.*
15. Assess the relevance of federal, state, and private sector initiatives related to the privacy, security and confidentiality of health information technology.*

**HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT TAG: LEGAL ASPECTS  
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