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Legal Nurse Consultant

A Legal Nurse Consultant (LNC) is a Registered Nurse who works in the legal field providing expert advice on medical legal matters. According to the Journal of Legal Nurse Consultants, private law practices, insurance companies, care centers, state agencies and many other organizations rely on Legal Nurse Consultants for their expertise with approximately 80% in either solo practice or with a law firm. The Association of Legal Nurse Consultants (AALNC, www.aalnc.org) reports, "The primary goal of the legal nurse consultant is to evaluate, analyze, and render informed opinions on the delivery of health care and the resulting outcomes." Refer to Certificate #CERT99N05.



*** THE LEGAL NURSE CONSULTANT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM BEGINS IN JUNE EVERY YEAR**

Fees and Enrollment

The one-time Certificate Program Fee of \$35.00 is due upon registration. Learner must pay individual course fees or additional fees listed during website registration.

Refer to course numbers listed in the catalog.

The LNC certificate program was developed in response to the demand for an educational opportunity in which nurses could obtain the knowledge and skills necessary to practice legal nurse consulting. The LNC class instructors are an experienced Legal Nurse Consultant and an attorney from the Indianapolis legal community. Students must be a Registered Nurse with at least five years of clinical experience, and upon completion of the courses, the nurse will possess the knowledge and skills of the practice and role of the Legal Nurse Consultant.

Required Courses

Learners are required to complete the following five (5) core courses in the order listed plus one (1) elective chosen from: *Introduction to Word for Windows, Personal Computer Fundamentals, or Introduction to Project Management.*

INTRO TO LEGAL NURSE CONSULTING

This course will study the functions of the LNC and explore the career opportunities available to nurses. The class will integrate the applicable principles of medical and legal ethics and how to apply them to professional situations.

OVERVIEW OF THE TORT LAW FOR THE LNC

Individuals in the LNC program will learn about the structure of the American legal system as well as various facets of American law as it relates to the LNC. The course will compare civil and criminal law.

Certificate Requirements

Registered Nurse with at least five (5) years of clinical experience. Courses must be taken in the order. Learners must attend a minimum of 75% of class sessions for each individual class. Learners will receive Continuing Education Unit certificates after the successful completion of each class. Final certificate will be awarded to learners in good standing *only* after completion of all classes.

Legal concepts and terminology will be reviewed in an effort to provide a general overview of the inner-workings of a law office. This class will provide an in-depth review of medical malpractice, personal injury, and all other causes of action based in negligence.

MEDICAL RESEARCH/WRITING FOR THE LNC

This class will focus on investigative functions that a LNC must understand. You will be introduced to medical legal research and the basic legal medical writing of case summaries and case assessment memos. Topics include identifying standards of care; accessing, interpreting and summarizing medical records; and understanding standards for professional writing. The course objectives will be for students to locate reliable sources, identify the issues of the case, and present those findings in a logical narrative format.

LNC CASE STUDY

A typical LNC case will be presented to the class, and the class will study the production and preparation of medical record summaries. The class will then examine the parties, the complaint, answer, deposition, medical records and various miscellaneous items. The students, via class discussion and participation, will learn the steps necessary to review a case and provide an accurate opinion as to the potential outcome of the case. This class teaches the practical aspects of being a LNC.

PRACTICUM FOR LNC

Through the cooperation of various legal offices, students will be responsible for the analysis and review of active cases. Classes will meet per instructor's discretion as a review of progress. Practicum placements will be at the recommendation of the instructor.