



## Legal Issues in Nursing

### Course Description

This one-day course is designed to provide the nurse with knowledge regarding medical malpractice and resulting legal issues. It includes the discussion of what makes up a medical malpractice suit and the role of an expert witness. It also provides the nurse with common legal issues in the different areas of nursing practice. This course focuses on documentation and presentation in a deposition. Actual malpractice cases in multiple fields of nursing will be presented.

### Program Learning Outcomes

*This program prepares the learner to:*

- Identify the three components which must be present for negligence.
- Compare and contrast negligence with gross negligence.
- Discuss common documentation problems which can make a difference in the legal outcome of a case.
- Identify two common malpractice issues in the participant's field of nursing.
- Describe the deposition and discuss ways to improve the deposition should the need arise.

### Agenda

*Sign-in begins at 7:30 am.* Each day includes a one-hour lunch (on your own), as well as a morning and afternoon break of 15 minutes each. The order of lectures presented and break times may vary according to speaker preference.

#### 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

- 0800 **Legal Issues in Nursing**  
Malpractice | Negligence | Depositions | Case Studies
- 0930 **Break**
- 0945 **Nursing Documentation: How to Bulletproof**  
Assessment | Notifying Physicians | Medication Administration | Pain Management | Case Studies
- 1100 **How to Prevent a Lawsuit**
- 1200 **Lunch**
- 1300 **Common Negligence Issues**  
Emergency Department OR and PACU | ICU | Med-Surg Floors | Case Studies
- 1430 **Difficult Situations**  
Decubitus | Falls | Restraints | Codes | Chain of Command Issues | Discharge Criteria and Instruction | Case Studies
- 1600 **Adjourn**

# Accreditation

## RN/LPN: 6.5 Contact Hours

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