

HIT 112 HEALTH LAW AND ETHICS

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Prerequisites: Enrollment in Health Information Technology Program

Corequisites: None

This course covers legislative and regulatory processes, legal terminology, and professional-related and practice-related ethical issues. Topics include confidentiality; privacy and security policies, procedures and monitoring; release of information policies and procedures; and professional-related and practice-related ethical issues. Upon completion, students should be able to apply policies and procedures for access and disclosure of Protected Health Information and apply and promote ethical standards.

Course Hours per Week: Class, 3. Semester Hours Credit, 3.

Note: Students must pass all Health Information Technologies (HIT) courses with a C (77% or better) to graduate from the program. No course is considered passed unless a C (77% or better) is obtained.

OUTLINE OF AHIMA KNOWLEDGE CLUSTERS COVERED IN THIS COURSE:

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- a. Request patient specific documentation from other sources (e.g., ancillary departments, physicians' office, etc.)
- b. Apply policies and procedures for access and disclosure of personal health information
- c. Release patient-specific data to authorized individuals
- d. Apply ethical standards to authorized individuals
- e. Recognize and report privacy issues/problems
- f. Protect data integrity and validity using software or hardware technology

OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:

- a. Medical Law, Ethics, and Bioethics
- b. Introduction to Logic
- c. Medical Practice Management
- d. Employees in Ambulatory Health Care
- e. Legal Guidelines for Ambulatory Health Care Federal Register
- f. Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
- g. Regulations and Professional Liability for the Health Care Professional
- h. Public Duties

- i. Consent
- j. Medical Records
- k. Reimbursement and Collection Practices
- l. Employment Practices
- m. Cultural Perspective for Ambulatory Health Care
- n. Allocation of Scarce Medical Resources
- o. Genetic Engineering
- p. Abortion
- q. Life and Death
- r. Dying and Death