

WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND NATURAL SCIENCES  
COURSE OUTLINE & SCHEDULE OF ASSIGNMENTS  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

COURSE NUMBER            MSN 7310

COURSE TITLE             Legal Issues in Nursing Practice

CREDITS                     3

PREREQUISITE            BSN, Admission into MSN Leadership(LNC track) , Post BSN Certificate program

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COURSE TIME BREAKDOWN

35 Hours Scheduled Instruction

5 Hours Structured External Assignments (SEA)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course provides an overview of the legal process and an introduction to the legal-issues nurses face in their clinical practice. The issues are explored through case examples and case analysis methods, and by creating attorney work product. Additionally, an introduction to entrepreneurial business planning is included. Information and concepts discussed in this course will provide nurses with information on risk management, patient advocacy strategies, legal nurse principle, and practices that will positively impact the health care delivery system.

TEXTBOOKS

\*A list of course textbooks are available on the Wilmington University Bookstore website:

<http://bookstore.wilmu.edu/>

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course will provide students with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to:

1. Forensically evaluate medical documentation to determine compliance with professional standards of care.

2. Formulate a search strategy for locating supportive/authoritative medical research.
3. Evaluate the scope of practice for legal nurse consultants.
4. Interpret Federal Rules of Evidence and discovery as they pertain to civil litigation.
5. Create a business plan strategy for independent legal nurse consulting practice.
6. Examine the rules of ethical practice for the legal nurse consultant.
7. Utilize critical thinking skills in class discussion, written work, online assignments, and oral/visual/voice-enhanced presentations.

## METHODOLOGY

### A. Teaching and Learning Strategies

Assigned Readings, Web-enhanced Activities, External Literature Review, Discussions, Zoom Multimedia, Experiential Engagement Activities, Flipgrid, Portfolium

### B. Evaluation Methods

#### Graduate Grading Scale

Grade	Numeric Equivalent
A	95%-100%
A-	92-94%
B+	89-91%
B	86-88%
B-	83%-85%
C+	80%-82%
C	77%-79%
C-	74%-76%
F	Less Than 74%

Rubrics and/or grading criteria are provided for assignments. Please review the rubrics and/or grading criteria before completing assignments.

Attorney Work- Product & other related assignments (All Objectives) 35%

Students will develop attorney-work product in various formats. Students will be exposed to a variety of workproduct styles and will be expected to integrate legal concepts into the assignments. This assignment offers the student the opportunity to demonstrate integration of cognitive skills and critical reasoning. The completed reports will include a worksheet and assigned attorneywork product.

Weekly Discussion Boards: Topic Scenario (All objectives) 30%

Students will be presented with a weekly legal scenario for review and will be given a question related to the scenario requiring student responses in the discussion board. Students are expected to post at least three times weekly and provide well-formulated responses. This discussion will require students engage in an ongoing dialogue with the instructor and fellow students. Attention to problem solving in an ethical manner will be evaluated.

Entrepreneurial Journaling & Related Assignments (All Objectives) 30%

Students will create a journal entry weekly, that will be shared with their fellow students,



Week

Week	Major Topics	Assignments Due
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