SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Course Number: HIT 255   Department: Health Information
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Course Title: Law and Ethics in Healthcare Semester: Fall   Year: 2015

Course Objective	Competencies
This course focus is on demonstrating knowledge, understanding, and applying the following concepts related to Health Care Privacy, Confidentiality, Legal and Ethical Issues of health records.	1. Adhere to the legal and regulatory requirements related to health information infrastructure.
	2. Apply policies and procedures for access and disclosure of personal health information.
Working of the American Legal System, Court Systems and Legal Procedures	3. Release patient-specific data to authorized users.
	4. Maintain user access logs/systems to track access to and disclosure of identifiable patient data.
Principles of Liability	5. Apply and promote ethical standards of practice.
	6. Differentiate between public and private law.
Ethics	7. Explain the difference between various sources of law, the quasi-legal requirements to which healthcare organizations are subject, and distinguish between the various forms of discovery.
Patient Record Requirements and access to Health Information	8. Other competencies include:
Confidentiality and Informed Consent	Describe physician-patient relationship, hospital-patient and hospital-physician.
	Define medical malpractice and negligence.
Judicial Process of Health Information	Describe each of the following intentional torts: defamation, invasion of privacy, and medical abandonment.
	Ethics
Specialized Patient Records	Understand ethical standards, models and theories
	Understand influencing factors in ethical decision making
Risk Management, Quality Assurance, Healthcare Fraud and Abuse and Law and Ethics in the Workplace	Understand the role of ethics in supervision and in HIM
	Patient Record Requirements and Access to Health Information
Electronic Health Records	Identify and explain how sources of law influence

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	the content of the medical record. Distinguish between authorship and authentication. Identify the factors influencing a record retention policy List the common elements of a valid release of information form. Explain who is granted authority to release health information. Compare and contrast the rights of access of patient and third parties to patient-specific health information. **Confidentiality and Informed Consent** Analyze the interrelationship between confidentiality and privacy. Identify and discuss the three sources of law on which the right of privacy is based. Assess the obligations placed on health-care providers by the Patient Self- Determination Act. Distinguish between living wills and durable powers of attorney for healthcare. Discuss the legal protections afforded health-care providers when treating patients in an emergency situation. Compare and contrast the professional disclosure and standard and the reasonable patient standard. **Judicial Process of Health Information** Define and distinguish the following legal terms associated with the role of a medical record in a lawsuit, evidence, admissible and hearsay. Assess the use and application of the physician-patient privilege. Evaluate the differences between a subpoena, a subpoena ad testificandum, and a subpoena deuces tecum. Compare, contrast and evaluate a court order authorizing disclosure of health information versus a subpoena. **Specialized Patient Records** Assess the difference between specialized patient records and general medical records. **Risk Management and Quality Assurance, Healthcare Fraud and** **Abuse and Law and Ethics in the Workplace**

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	Compare and contrast risk management with quality assurance
	Identify the reporting requirements of the Heath Care Quality Improvement Act.
	Understand major laws addressing fraud and abuse, law enforcement agencies and compliance programs
	Understand employee rights, employment law and ethics application **Electronic Health Records**
	Identify the reasons supporting the transformation to an electronic health record.
	Compare and contrast the three broad categories of law and regulation governing the creation and storage of an electronic health record. List the types of lawsuits that may arise from a breach of confidentiality of an electronic health record
	Compare and contrast physical security, personnel security, and risk prevention techniques,
	Evaluate risk prevention techniques associated with an electronic patient record system.