

# MED 118 Medical Law and Ethics

## COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Prerequisites: Enrollment in Medical Assisting Diploma or AAS degree

Corequisites: CIS 110, ENG 111

This course covers legal relationships of physicians and patients, contractual agreements, professional liability, malpractice, medical practice acts, informed consent, and bioethical issues. Emphasis is placed on legal terms, professional attitudes, and the principles and basic concepts of ethics and laws involved in providing medical services. Upon completion, students should be able to meet the legal and ethical responsibilities of a multi-skilled health professional.

Course Hours per Week: Class, 2; Lab, 0; Semester Hours Credit, 2.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be able demonstrate an understanding of law and ethics and how these topics are related to the practice of medicine and identify legal and ethical situations faced as medical office professionals:

- I. Concepts of Effective Communication
  - A. Identify the role of the medical assistant as a patient navigator.
  - B. Identify subjective and objective information.
  - C. Identify the basic concepts/theories of Kubler-Ross.
  
- II. Legal Implications
  - A. Identify components of the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA).
  - B. Identify the standards outlined in The Patient Care Partnership.
  - C. Identify criminal and civil law as they apply to the practicing medical assistant.
  - D. Identify the purpose of medical malpractice insurance.
  - E. Identify legal and illegal applicant interview questions.
  - F. Define:
    1. negligence
  
- G. Identify:
  1. Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act
  2. Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA)
  3. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) § C 1. com
  2. abuse, neglect, and exploitation
  3. wounds of violence
  
- I. Identify the following medical legal terms:
  1. informed consent



B. Life, Death, and Dying and legal documents.

**REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIAL:**