

# MED 140 : Medical, Ethical, Legal Communication

**Credits** 4

**Quarter Offered** Spring

This course teaches medical assisting students how to incorporate cognitive knowledge in the performance of psychomotor and affective domains in their practice as medical assistants, and in providing patient care in accordance with regulations, policies, laws, and patient rights. Students will be instructed in the legal implications and ethical considerations of the medical assisting profession. NOTE: Students need to have entry codes to register. This class may include students from multiple sections.

**Prerequisites**

Medical Assisting or Medical Office Assisting Program Admittance

**Course Outcomes**

Competencies/Objectives/Outcomes/Methods of Assessment/Assignment:

Medical Law and Ethics

X. Legal Implications

- X.C.1. Identify scope of practice and standards of care for medical assistants
- X.C.2. Identify the provider role in terms of standard of care
- X.C.3. Identify components of the Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA)
- X.C.4. Identify the standards outlined in The Patient Care Partnership
- X.C.5. Identify licensure and certification as they apply to healthcare providers
- X.C.6. Identify criminal and civil law as they apply to the practicing medical assistant
- X.C.7. Define:
  - a. negligence
  - b. malpractice
  - c. statute of limitations
  - d. Good Samaritan Act(s)
  - e. Uniform Anatomical Gift Act
  - f. living will/advanced directives
  - g. medical durable power of attorney
  - h. Patient Self Determination Act (PSDA)
  - i. risk management
- X.C.8. Identify the purpose of medical malpractice insurance
- X.C.9. Identify legal and illegal applicant interview questions
- X.C.10. Identify:
  - a. Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act
  - b. Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA)
  - c. Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA)
- X.C.11. Identify the process in compliance reporting:
  - a. unsafe activities
  - b. errors in patient care
  - c. conflicts of interest
  - d. incident reports
- X.C.12. Identify compliance with public health statutes:
  - a. communicable diseases
  - b. abuse, neglect, and exploitation
  - c. wounds of violence
- X.C.13. Define the following medical legal terms:
  - a. informed consent
  - b. implied consent
  - c. expressed consent
  - d. patient incompetence
  - e. emancipated minor
  - f. mature minor
  - g. subpoena duces tecum
  - h. respondeat superior

- i. res ipsa loquitur
- j. locum tenens
- k. defendant-plaintiff
- l. deposition
- m. arbitration-mediation
- X.P.2. Apply HIPAA rules in regard to:
  - a. privacy
  - b. release of information
- X.P.3. Document patient care accurately in the medical record
- X.P.4. Complete compliance reporting based on public health statutes
- X.P.5. Report an illegal activity following the protocol established by the healthcare setting
- X.P.6. Complete an incident report related to an error in patient care

## XI. Ethical Considerations

- XI.C.1. Define:
  - a. ethics
  - b. morals
- XI.C.2. Identify personal and professional ethics
- XI.C.3. Identify potential effects of personal morals on professional performance
- XI.C.4. Identify professional behaviors of a medical assistant

### XI.P.1 Demonstrate professional response(s) to ethical issues