Virginia Western Community College
HIM 226
Legal Aspects of Health Record Documentation

Prerequisites

Course Description

Presents the legal requirements associated with health record documentation. Emphasizes the policies and procedures concerning the protection of the confidentiality of a patient's health records.

Semester Credits: 2 Lecture Hours: 2 Lab/Clinical/Internship Hours: 0

Required Materials

Textbook:
Health Information Management and Technology, Stanholzer
ISBN: 9780073513683

Other Required Materials:
none

Course Outcomes

At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- This course will introduce the students to the legal and practical issues concerning patient medical records and billing. Students will learn about healthcare compliance and the many aspects that make them up. The student will also gain an understanding of the how Medicare fraud and abuse affects our healthcare system, and how widespread the issue is in our country. They will be exposed to the current challenges that the healthcare arena will have with the implementation of the electronic health record and the conversion to ICD-10-CM.
- The student will be able to understand and make practical ethical choices in all healthcare settings. The student will have an overall understanding of what makes up a compliance program and how to implement one and to work under one.

Topical Description

This course is taught in 8 weeks with the first section meeting the first 8 weeks of the semester and the second section meeting the second 8 weeks of the semester.

Part I **The Fundamentals of Ethics**
Chapter 1.   Defining Coding: the Accurate Reporting of Medical Services
Chapter 2.   Ethics and the Importance of Ethical Systems
Chapter 3.   Why Ethical Dilemmas Occur

Part II **Ethics in Coding**
Chapter 4.   Coding, Ethics, and Third-Party Financing
Chapter 5.   Coding Ethics for Evaluation and Management Services
Chapter 6.   Coding Ethics for Surgical and Procedural Services
Chapter 7.   Coding Ethics and Diagnoses
Chapter 8.   ICD-10 and Coding Ethics
Chapter 9.   Ethics and the Revenue Cycle
Chapter 10. Coding Ethics and Professional Certification
Chapter 11. Current Trends in Coding Ethics

Part III **Applying Ethical Principles**
Chapter 12.   Avoiding Ethical Problems
Chapter 13.   Resolving Ethical Problems When They Occur

Notes to Instructors