

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

**Prerequisites**

none

**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 and Ozanich (Looseleaf) Instant Access

**Other Required Materials:**

Access to a personal computer and internet are required for the online section of this course. For information on the required minimum computer specifications visit: <https://www.viriniawestern.edu/online/computer-access/> This course may require proctored testing as described in the course syllabus. A student may request an alternative proctoring method, but the student will be responsible for any additional fees associated with the alternative method.

**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 an 7- week session.

Chapter 1. Healthcare in the United States

Chapter 2. Functions, Careers and Credentials of HI Professional, Documenting, Maintaining, and Managing Health Information, Past and Present

Chapter 3. Health Informatics & HIM Shaping the Evolving Healthcare System

Chapter 4. Maintaining Health Records: an Overview

Chapter 5. External Forces: Regulatory and Accreditation Influences

Chapter 6. The Active Health Record in Acute Setting

Chapter 7. The Post Discharge Health Record

Chapter 8. The Electronic Health Record: Meaningful Use of Patient Records

Chapter 9. Privacy and Security Digital Records

Chapter 10. The Patient's role in Healthcare

Chapter 11. Expanding Roles and Functions of the Health Information Management and Health Informatics Professional

## **Notes to Instructors**

None

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