

**Course Outline**  
MNGT. 145  
Legal Aspects of Health Services Management  
3 Credits

**The Community College of Baltimore County**

**Description**

Legal Aspects of Health Services Management

Examines legal problems of concern to various health care providers are; cover areas such as prevention of malpractice and reading a contract.

**Overall Course Objectives**

Upon completion of the course the student must be able to:

- A. Analyze the various legally established forms of organization used in the administration of health care providers; i.e., proprietorships, not for profit corporations and government agency.
- B. Assess basic legal problems of the kind encountered by those engaged in lower and middle health services.
- C. Determine a reaction to these problems and the various law-related situations one in supervisory and lower management positions in hospitals and health care facilities can expect to meet in such a way as to avoid unnecessary legal complications for the employer.
- D. Analyze the legal relationships that exist between the different segments of health care management and operations; i.e., the professional staff, house staff, house staff and administration.

**Major Topics**

- A. Introduction To The American Legal System
- B. Health Services Management Organization
  - 1. Governing Bodies
  - 2. Financing and Taxation
  - 3. Regulation and Planning
  - 4. Interrelationships of Governing Bodies, Medical Staff, Nurses, and Employees and Volunteers
  - 5. Special Labor and Management Problems

- C. Administration
  - 1. Legal Aspects of Admitting Procedures
  - 2. Consent to Medical and Surgical Procedures and Donor Procedures
  - 3. Medical Records
  - 4. Discharge of Patients
  
- D. Financial Responsibility Problems
  - 1. Tort Liability
  - 2. Warranties
  
- E. Statutory Control of Drugs and Other Hospital Activities and Related Matters

### **Course Requirements**

- A. Seminar Participation
- B. At least two (2) exams during the term
- C. A final examination composed of essay questions, case problems and objective or short answer questions in which the student is expected to apply the appropriate legal principles.

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