

## STANDARD COURSE OUTLINE

### **HIM 2432                    Healthcare Legal and Ethical Issues**

**PREREQUISITE**    Acceptance into the HIM Program

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Legal aspects of health records and health information management. Application of general principles of law as related to health information management. Emphasis on regulations regarding protected health information, patient privacy, and patient confidentiality. Types of patient authorizations and procedures for access and release of protected health information.

#### **CREDIT HOURS    2 credit hour**

The student will need to obtain transfer information from the institution he/she is transferring to in order to determine transferability.

#### **TARGET AUDIENCE**

This course is an introduction to health information management. Students apply for and are selected for admission into the Health Information Management Program. Certification as a Registered Health Information Technician should be the end-goal for all individuals.

#### **REFERENCES:**

Journals of Ahima available online and in the NWACC Library

AHIMA membership is a requirement of NWACC's Health Information Management Program. Some assignments require the student to access the AHIMA site as a member. If the student is already a member, then it is not necessary to also become a student member.

AHIMA student membership costs \$49 per year.

To become a student member of AHIMA, please do the following:

1. Go to the AHIMA website at [www.ahima.org](http://www.ahima.org).
2. Click on the Membership tab and follow the instructions to join as a student member.
3. If you experience problems when joining, please E-mail [info@ahima.org](mailto:info@ahima.org), or call AHIMA at (800) 335-5535.

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES/OUTCOMES:**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Adhere to the legal and regulatory requirements related to the health information infrastructure.
2. Apply policies and procedures for access and disclosure of personal health information.
3. Apply rules for release of patient specific data to authorized users.
4. Investigate and recommend solutions to privacy issues/problems.
5. Protect data integrity and validity using software or hardware technology.
6. Apply departmental or organizational data and information system security policies.