

Northwest Arkansas Community College

Division of Health Professions
Health Information Management

Discipline Code

HIM

Course Number

2133

Course Title

Healthcare Legal and Ethical Issues

Catalog 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.

Prerequisites

N/A

Credit Hours

3 credit hours

Contact hours

45 lecture contact hours

Load hours

3 load hours

Semesters Offered

Fall

ACTS Equivalent

None

Grade Mode

A-F (HIM Program Grading Scale)

Learning 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.

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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.

General Education Outcomes Supported

- Students develop higher order thinking skills.
- Students can write clear, coherent, well-organized documents, substantially free of errors.
- Students can use computers proficiently.
- Students can employ a variety of sources to locate, evaluate, and use Information.

HIM Grading Scale

A=93-100

B=85-92

C=77-84

D=69-76

F=< 69