

# **Legal and Ethical Issues in Healthcare**

## **Course Information**

**Total Credits: 3 credits**

## **Description**

This course introduces the U.S. legal system, laws and ethical issues and how they relate to health care.

## **Competencies**

1. Describe the legal system in the United States
2. Describe the use of the health records as a legal document
3. Examine the concept of patient's rights and the role that healthcare professionals play in protecting these rights
4. Distinguish among the variety of regulations affecting health care including HIPAA, AIDS/HIV, mental health and drug and alcohol health records
5. Explain the different types of consents
6. Explore the role that health professionals play in the legal environment
7. Identify the essential elements for establishing negligence
8. Justify various positions on ethical issues in healthcare
9. Summarize the legal and ethical issues involving electronic health records