I. COURSE OBJECTIVES:

This course will provide the students with the knowledge and skills to:

1. Discuss the components of medical literature research.
2. Analyze key basic concepts for risk avoidance in working with attorneys.
3. Analyze standards of care related to a variety of clinical practice settings.
4. Analyze the components of informed consent and treatment decisions.
5. Evaluate the discovery process.
6. Discuss the elements of report writing and the medical negligence claim.
7. Evaluate damages from a legal perspective.

II. SUPPLEMENTAL OBJECTIVES:

1. Discuss the elements of a negligence claim. Analyze basic legal nursing concepts for risk avoidance.
   Discuss four points of law related to medical negligence cases: duty, breach of duty, causation and damages. Follow the medical legal process through case example. Review the concepts of attorney-work product and attorney-client privilege.

2. Analyze standards of care related to a variety of clinical practice settings.
   Discuss sources for standards of care and use of standards of care within the legal arena. Determine the components of the medical records. Discuss detection methods for medical record tampering and medical fraud. Analyze a medical negligence case for merit.

3. Analyze the components of informed consent and treatment decisions. Interpret clinical practices in terms of medical legal issues.
4. Demonstrate the components of informed consent within the medical record.
   Discuss standards applied to informed consent for specialized populations.
   Discuss informed consent in research protocols.
   Discuss patient preference in treatment decisions.
   Analyze a medical case for merit.

5. Analyze the skills of medical literature research.
   Scrutinize the issues of information retrieval as they related to authority and credibility.
   Apply a standardized process for reliable information retrieval.
   Discuss a variety of sources for medical literature.
   Evaluate the medical literature from the plaintiff’s and defense perspective.
   Produce sample attorney work product and report writing.

6. Evaluate the components of the discovery process.
   Discuss the role of the LNC in the discovery process.
   Analyze the controlling guidelines for the discovery process.

7. Evaluate damages from a legal perspective.
   Identify past present and future damages in a medical negligence file, nursing home litigation, forensics and personal injury cases.