

LABETTE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BRIEF SYLLABUS

SPECIAL NOTE:

This brief syllabus is not intended to be a legal contract. A full syllabus will be distributed to students at the first class session.

TEXT AND SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS USED IN THE COURSE (if any):

Please check with the LCC bookstore <http://www.labette.edu/bookstore> for the required texts for this class.

COURSE NUMBER: NURS 110

COURSE TITLE: LEGAL ISSUES FOR NURSING

SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 2

DEPARTMENT: Nursing

DIVISION: Health Science

PREREQUISITE: None

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will examine the legal issues confronting nurses in professional practice. There will be an analysis of ethical implications on legal issues. Subjects ranging from malpractice, negligence, and patient care will be discussed. The student will also learn defensive practice strategies and litigation prevention as a part of this course.

COURSE OUTCOMES AND COMPETENCIES:

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

1. Develop an understanding of legal risks and defenses in nursing practice.

- Student will analyze legal risk associated with their practice.
- Student will explore defensive nursing in their practice.
- Student will identify specific legal risk in their practice.

2. Describe how the Nurse Practice Act and State Board of Nursing shape nursing practice.

- Student will develop understanding of the nursing practice act.
- Student will identify the nexus between the Nursing Practice Act and the State Board of Nursing.
- Student will understand how they could incorporate the standards of nursing care into their practice.

3. Understand risk management strategies to decrease risk of nursing malpractice.

- Student will identify risk management skills to be used in their practice.
- Student will explore strategies to decrease malpractice in their practice.
- Student will gain understanding of nursing law and terminology associated with it.