

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: HIM 226

Credits: 2

Course Title: Legal Aspects of Health Record Documentation

Course Description (including lecture hours, lab hours, total contacts)

Presents the legal requirements associated with health record documentation. Emphasizes the policies and procedures concerning the protection of the confidentiality of patient's health records. Lecture 2 hours per week.

General Course Purpose

This course is designed to provide a foundation for understanding legal principles impacting health information management (HIM). Each legal area relevant to HIM is addressed using a practical approach.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites (*Entry-level competencies **required** for enrollment*)

None

Course Objectives

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- a. Recognize legal key terms related to the medical record and the health information management of these records.
- b. Understand topics related to privacy, security, confidentiality, legal policies and procedures.
- c. Have an in-depth understanding of HIPAA regulations.
- d. Understand basic legal concepts that are applied to the release and maintenance of medical records.

Major Topics to be Included

- a. Civil procedures
- b. Parties in a lawsuit
- c. Legal aspects of the medical record as it relates to privacy confidentiality and security
- d. Release of information procedures

Effective Date of Course Content Summary (Month, Date Year): August 2009