Registration Form

Rappahannock Community College
Legal Nurse Consultant Training Course

Online Session:

Name:________________________________________
   (Last)
   (First)   (Middle)
Mailing Address:
   (No. and Street)
   (City)   (State)   (Zip)
Phone:________________________________________
   (Daytime)   (Evening)
Email:________________________________________
   (Required for online registration)

Tuition: $895 (excludes textbook)

Method of Payment (please indicate):
☐ Visa  ☐ Discover  ☐ AMEX  ☐ Mastercard

If using a charge card, please enclose the following:

Account No.                                      Exp. Date:
   (Required for online registration)

Account cardholder’s signature as it appears on charge card.

Please send a check for tuition in the correct amount payable to:
Rappahannock Community College

Mail to:
   Rappahannock Community College
   Workforce Development
   12745 College Drive
   Saluda, VA 23149

Questions? Please call The Center for Legal Studies at 1-800-522-7737, or register online at www.legalstudies.com

This continuing nursing education activity was approved by the Colorado Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.
Legal Nurse Consultant Training Course

This program provides medical professionals the opportunity to train for a career in the legal field as legal nurse consultants. Building on your medical education and possible clinical experience, this course prepares participants to advise law firms, health care providers, insurance companies, and governmental agencies regarding medically related issues and to testify in court as expert witnesses. The course teaches legal concepts related to the health care industry, as well as the role a legal nurse consultant might play in litigation areas such as medical malpractice, toxic torts, products liability, personal injury, wrongful death, criminal law, and workers’ compensation.

Any RN or other medical professional interested in entering the legal field can benefit from the education provided by this course. The course is also open to anyone interested in the field of forensic testimony and medical-legal issues, and participants with a RN background and 2000 hours of recent legal nurse consulting experience may be eligible to take the Legal Nurse Consultant Certified (LNCC) exam after graduation. LNCC is a discretionary exam separate from this training course that experienced registered nurses graduating from this class may decide to sit for. LNCC test eligibility requirements are discussed during this training course; however, graduates of this course need not take the LNCC in order to practice as legal nurse consultants.

The curriculum of this course is designed to comply with the educational guidelines specified by the American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants (AALNC). Students will receive 42 hours of instruction and will be required to prepare assignments and pass weekly quizzes. Successful graduates will be awarded a Certificate of Completion from Rappahannock Community College and a certificate of contact hours from The Center for Legal Studies.

Your Instructors

The program is coordinated by our educational partner, The Center for Legal Studies, one of America’s most respected legal education training centers, offering legal education programs nationally since 1980. CLS courses are currently offered by hundreds of universities and colleges across the U.S.

This course will be taught by respected legal professionals selected by The Center for Legal Studies.

2015 Online Sessions:
Spring Session I: January 12 - February 27, 2015
Spring Session II: March 9 - April 24, 2015
Summer Session I: May 4 - June 19, 2015
Summer Session II: June 29 - August 14, 2015
Fall Session I: August 24 - October 9, 2015
Fall Session II: October 19 - December 4, 2015

The Online course is completed in one 7-week session, and may be taken during any available session.

Please call Rappahannock Community College at 804-758-6750 to register.

Course Fee & Materials

COURSE FEE: $895 (excludes required textbook)

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:
Legal Nurse Consulting Principles & Practices, 3rd edition (2-volume set), edited by Ann M. Peterson and Lynda Kopishke is available from The Center for Legal Studies Bookstore. Please call 1-800-522-7737 to order this textbook and obtain exact pricing and shipping options.

Prices, availability, and required textbooks are subject to change.

Registration Information

Please complete the attached registration form and mail it with your check or credit card information at least one week prior to the first class session to:

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Or register by phone at 804-758-6750.

Objectives

Define the role of a legal nurse consultant and explain history and evolution of the profession
Describe 2 major systems of law, the 3 types of law, and the 4 sources of law
Review the law of Intentional and Unintentional Torts
Identify liability concerns of healthcare providers
Analyze the role of the LNC before the trial begins
Review the methods of obtaining medical records and other evidence that is governed by the Rules of Evidence
Identify and review the legal documents used to obtain evidence
Explain informed consent, treatments decisions, and review the liability concerns of health care providers in each
Discuss criminal law and complex litigation scenarios
Discuss the history of the Specialty of Legal Nurse Consulting
Discuss the skills needed for entry into special practice
Professionalism and Ethics: discuss the standards of practice and performance expected of the LNC
Identify the 5 responsibilities of the LNC in the litigation process
Examine the role of the LNC in evaluating Toxic Tort and Criminal Cases
The damages stage of litigation: Identify the 4 types of damages available and discuss the factors that determine their application to the case
Recall the evaluation steps taken by the LNC in a professional negligence case
Identify and discuss the 3 different forms of Alternative Dispute Resolution
Discuss the LNC’s role in the Law Firm
Discuss the issues presented to LNCs in the insurance industry
Discuss the issues presented to LNCs in private practice areas
Discuss the issues presented to LNCs in Government Service
Discuss the issues presented to LNCs in Risk Management
Medical record analysis: discuss the protocol LNCs should follow when receiving medical records
Legal Writing: Review the writing techniques that will captivate your target audience
Discuss the literature research process and the methods of research
Discuss the advantages and challenges of working as an independent LNC