

**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: 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 and Co-requisites:

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; and
- 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: February 2015