

Legal Nurse Consultant Program

The Ohio State University at Lima's Legal Nurse Consultant Program is designed to promote a level of expertise and professionalism in the specialty of Legal Nurse Consulting. This non-credit program is committed to the development and enhancement of quality skills through practical application.

This program promotes the Standards of Practice and Professional Performance for Legal Nurse Consultants as recommended by the American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants. It aims to encourage registered nurses in a continuing education program of professional development in the area of Legal Nurse Consulting.

This detailed training program consists of eight modules. It is for the motivated, clinically sound registered nurse who will provide both in-house and independent consulting services to attorneys, risk managers, insurance companies, government agencies and others.

The student must attend the eight modules and complete all assignments to receive the completion certificate.

This program is for registered nurses who possess an unrestricted nursing license.

About the Program

- The program includes interactive learning utilizing actual medical records and court cases.
- Detailed instruction of the litigation process from initial contact with the client through the trial phase will be presented, as well as the role of the Legal Nurse Consultant in each phase.
- Program includes the expanded role of the Legal Nurse Consultant in the fields of Risk Management, Life Care Planning, Case Management, Workers' Compensation, and Alternative Dispute Resolution.
- In depth review of the various legal practice areas will be presented including professional negligence, personal injury, product liability, workers' compensation, toxic torts, expert witness and forensic nursing.
- In addition, contact hours are awarded for registered nurses upon successful completion of the following sessions: Intro to LNC and Legal Theory, Medical Record Review/Risk Management, and Medical Research and Expert Witness Location.

LACCEN at The Ohio State University at Lima (OH-008/1-31-12) is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Ohio Nurses Association (OBN-001-91), an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

About the Instructors

Wanda Burns, RN, is a Legal Nurse Consultant with the law firm of Martin E. White Co., L.P.A. in Warren, Ohio. She assists with wrongful death and personal injury and medical malpractice cases. Wanda also conducts mock trials throughout Ohio for legal professionals. She is one of the founders and Past President of the Northeast Ohio Chapter of the American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants.

Linda Gartman, RN, LNC-C, is President of Gartman Health and Rehabilitation, Inc. Her experience includes general consulting functions for both plaintiff and defense. She provides expertise in cases involving life care planning, rehabilitation and case management for workers' compensation, medical malpractice and personal injury cases. Linda was one of the founders and is currently the President of the Cleveland Northeast Ohio Chapter of the American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants. She also conducts mock trials throughout Ohio.

Nicole Marie Spring, RN, is the Founder and President of Legal Nurse Consultants and the Listowner of LNCNURSE®, an electronic forum of Legal Nurse Consultants. She is also a founding member of the Cleveland Northeast Ohio AALNC serving in a variety of board positions. She specializes in long term care/nursing home and Nursing Standards of Care.

"I thought the class was excellent. Every session was very interesting and kept me fully engaged. Providing us with actual cases and reports for review was extremely helpful and brought everything together. This class provided me with a good foundation to start my legal nurse consulting career."

--Participant, Winter/Spring 2009

Winter/Spring 2010 Schedule

Independence, OH
(Cleveland Area)

Module 1: Friday, February 19, 2010

Module 2: Saturday, February 20, 2010

Module 3: Friday, March 19, 2010

Module 4: Saturday, March 20, 2010

Module 5: Friday, April 16, 2010

Module 6: Saturday, April 17, 2010

Module 7: Friday, May 14, 2010

Module 8: Saturday, May 15, 2010

Application/Fee Information

For more information, please check our web site at lima.osu.edu/ced/LegalNurse.php or contact the Office of Continuing Education, The Ohio State University at Lima.

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