

Course Number: HIM 3600

Course Title: Legal & Ethical Aspects of HIM

Course Description:

This course analyzes and reviews the U.S. Judicial System, case studies on legal procedures to obtain health information, hospital, medical staff and other professional liability. It reviews health information as evidence, consent for treatment, privacy and confidentiality, retention and release of medical information and the health record as a legal document.

Prerequisites: HIT2200.

Credit hours: 3

Learning Outcomes:

Upon the successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Appraise legal concepts, laws and regulations related to health information privacy and security
2. Assess elements included in audit trails & data quality monitoring programs
3. Create policies & procedures to govern privacy, security, and confidentiality of health information
4. Collaborate in the design & implementation of an information security plan
5. Promote ethical practices in health information
6. Analyze privacy, security and confidentiality policies and procedures for internal and external use and exchange of health information

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Online Course Syllabus

Instructor Information

Please see Professor Profile at the Blackboard instructional site.

Course Schedule

Please see Course Schedule in the Course Syllabus area of the Blackboard instructional site.

Online Course Policies

All of the online courses taken by students are required to follow the policies posted online at <https://online.indianatech.edu/tech-policies/policies/>. Please review the posted policies carefully. If you are unable to abide by the policies listed, please contact the Warrior Information Network (WIN) at 888.832.4742 and request to withdraw from this course.

Textbook

McWay, Dana C. (2016). *Legal and ethical aspects of health information management* (4th ed.). NY: Delmar, Cengage Learning.

It is highly suggested that the student purchase this text rather than rent and return it. If the student elects not to purchase this text and returns the text to Indiana Tech, the CD contained in the book must be returned with the book. If the CD is not returned with the book, the book will be charged to the student.

Grading Events & Grading Criteria

Unless otherwise specified, all assignments must be submitted via Blackboard

Category	Points	Occurrences	Total Points
Course Preparation Quiz	10	1	10
Discussions	20	5	100
Project	60	1	60
Research	40	1	40
Case Studies	25	7	175
Final exam	25	1	25
Total			410

Assignments:

- Discussions – each week student will participate in discussion forum; each week will have a different formative discussion question;
- Project – Design and develop an information security training program for employees of a healthcare facility to inform relevant employees about information security. The assignment also entails creating security policies to comply with the security rule.
- Research paper- design of audit trails and data monitoring programs.
- Case studies – analyze scenarios addressing legal aspects of risk management - compliance, fraud and abuse, patient record documentation and incident reporting.
- Final Exam – 10 essay questions; completed in Blackboard.

Grading Scale

The following grading scale will be used to assign a grade at the end of the course:

Percentage Achieved	Grade	Percentage Achieved	Grade	Percentage Achieved	Grade
93% or above	A	80% or above	B-	70% or above	C-
90% or above	A-	77% or above	C+	60% or above	D
87% or above	B+	73% or above	C	Below 60%	F
83% or above	B				

Late Assignments

All assignments and required online activities are due according to the deadline listed in the course schedule. Granting deadline extension is the course instructor's autonomy.

Incompletes

If you are unable to complete the requirements for this course due to extenuating circumstances, an Incomplete grade (I) may be granted if you meet the general guidelines stated below.

General Guidelines for submitting a course incomplete request:

- More than 50% of the course session has elapsed.
- The student has encountered an unexpected situation that is beyond his or her control.
- The student is
 - in good academic standing -- up-to-date on all of the course assignments and has at least an overall passing grade,
 - able to complete all of the remaining coursework within a session (5 weeks for an undergraduate course and 6 weeks for a graduate course) that immediately follows the session the student is currently enrolled, and
 - able to provide support documentations to substantiate the need for extra time should a session is not enough to complete the course requirements.

If an Incomplete is granted, the instructor will set a deadline for all work to be completed. **The deadline cannot go past one (1) session.** All incomplete grades are subject to approval by the designated University authority.

Course Related Communication

Online courses are conducted in an accelerated format. Timely communication is very important. When receiving emails from your classmates or instructor, please respond as soon as you can.

Students are REQUIRED to use their Indiana Tech email account for all course related communication. The most direct, and effective, way to email your course instructor and classmates, is by using the Send Email function within the Blackboard course site. When you use the Send Email function, you automatically receive a carbon copy of the email you sent. In the event when you need to substantiate your claim that you did email your classmates or instructor, you can show that carbon copy to the person(s) who requested it.

Please note that Blackboard only permits you to send email, it does not provide you with the check email function. All of the emails your classmates and instructor send to you will be delivered to your Indiana Tech email account. You are strongly encouraged to check your Indiana Tech email account regularly, preferably several times a week, to minimize the likelihood of miscommunication.

The University policy requires each online course instructor to respond to a student's email within 24 hours. Unless there is an extraneous situation that prevents the instructor from following this rule, you can expect to hear from the instructor within 24 hours. If you don't receive a reply within 24 hours, please do not hesitate to follow up with another email or forward the carbon copy of the email you sent to OnlineSupport@IndianaTech.edu with a note "Please help. It's been 24 hours and I have not heard from my instructor" and the University support staff will act on your behalf to contact your course instructor.