

**NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY  
HIM 226 - LEGAL ASPECTS OF HEALTH RECORD DOCUMENTATION (2 CR.)**

**Course Description**

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

**General Course Purpose**

The student will learn to evaluate the health record as a legal document with a special emphasis placed on the policies and procedures concerning the release of medical information.

**Course Prerequisites/Co-requisites**

Prerequisite is HIM 141 or permission of instructor.

**Course Objectives**

- To acquire knowledge of the system, statistics and policies governing record retention.
- To develop an awareness of the importance of the health record as a legal document.
- To develop an awareness of the confidential nature of the health record.
- To develop skill in releasing confidential information to responsible parties.

**Major Topics to be Included**

- a. Medicine and Law, An Introduction
- b. Confidential Communication and Release of Medical Information