



Professional Accountability

and legal liability for nurses

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Professional Accountability details the legal liability and rights of nursing professionals. The nurse's accountability when accepting or refusing patient care assignments and delegating nursing care to other health care team members is also reviewed.

Who Should Take This Course

This program is for every nurse in every practice setting at every level of practice.

Course Authors

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Define

the concept of professional accountability for nurses and the four (4) elements required to establish nursing negligence.

Describe

elements of accountability when the nursing professional makes assignments and delegates nursing care to other health care team members, and the duty of the professional nurse to report incompetent, illegal, or unethical conduct of health care team members.

Analyze

the professional accountability of the nurse when deciding to accept or refuse client care assignments.

Define

the term "chain of command process."

Distinguish

between the various areas of the law that effect nursing practice.

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