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.

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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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