



Expand your career. **Be a Legal Nurse Consultant.**

Our program will prepare you for an expanded role as a Legal Nurse Consultant with limitless potential for career satisfaction. **Legal Nurse Consultants** can be Registered Nurses or Advanced Practice Nurses with expertise in a variety of areas, such as med-surg, obstetrics, emergency room, quality assurance, cardiovascular, and many more. After taking the course, LNCs will be able to enhance their current practice with expert knowledge, and may also have opportunities such as reviewing medical records for an attorney, working for a hospital risk assessment office or working as an independent consultant.

After 2000 hours of practice, eligible nurse are able to sit for a certification exam and earn the legal nurse consultant credential, LNCC.

Why UR School of Nursing?

With an education from the UR School of Nursing, you will be prepared for the future of health care. We think deeply about the future of the nursing profession in a constantly evolving health care industry. Our faculty are thought leaders in their fields, breaking ground on new solutions for health care's biggest challenges. Our top-notch academic programs are tailored to meet the future needs of a highly integrated health care system.

The health of our communities depends on a strong and diverse nursing workforce. The UR School of Nursing is dedicated to helping you become the nurse that you want to be—and offers you the resources and challenges you need so you can make a difference and improve patient care.

Date & Time:

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Offered every Fall semester
Once a week for five weeks


Program Highlights

- offers a unique internship experience working on real cases
- prepares nurses to improve patient care in their current roles
- provides an opportunity to learn and network with experts in the legal, insurance, and nursing fields
- provides vital, practical knowledge on using nursing expertise in collaboration with legal experts

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How does the in-class session work?

At the in-class session students will gain a comprehensive understanding of the medico-legal process. Students meet once a week for 5 weeks. Practicing legal nurse consultants, attorneys, insurance professionals, risk management professionals, judges, and law enforcement officers will share their expertise on the role of the LNC, the work product that is expected, evaluating personal injury or medical malpractice claims, and the roles risk management and insurance companies play in litigation and litigation prevention. Students will also learn about the court system and specifically about types of law such as no-fault law, techniques for locating and working with expert witnesses, lifecare planning, elder law and nursing home litigation.

How do I complete my internship hours?

In the second part of the course, students will complete a 168 hour internship as assigned by our internship coordinator. This internship will entail work on a case or cases with an attorney or other appropriate LNC preceptor. You will apply the principles learned in the didactic portion of the class to interpret and analyze relevant medical information related to a claim or case and formulate a comprehensive well-written document that will assist the legal process.

This can be started in the same semester you begin the didactic course, and will be completed the following semester.

When can I start?

The Legal Nurse Consultant course is offered yearly, in the fall semester.

What do I need to apply?

In order to be qualified to take the course, you must have:

- A current RN license
- Nursing experience

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until September 20. If you are in another program at the School of Nursing, check with your advisor to see if you can use this course as an elective in your degree plan.

Is financial aid available?

The Financial Aid Office provides assistance to students enrolled at the School of Nursing who are interested in obtaining alternative loans to help fund their education. Other types of aid may also be available, including employer tuition assistance (employees at the UR may be eligible to receive a substantial tuition discount), military benefits and scholarships.

For questions concerning financial aid and alternative loans, contact Patrick Hennessey with the Office of Financial Aid: (585) 275-3226.

What does a Legal Nurse Consultant do?

- Identify, organize and analyze pertinent medical records
- Prepare a summary of documentation in medical records
- Identify applicable standards of care in medical malpractice cases
- Identify, screen and facilitate review by expert witnesses
- Evaluate case strengths and weaknesses
- Draft or analyze medical portions of legal documents
- Evaluate causation and damages issues
- Educate attorneys and clients regarding relevant medical issues
- Identify plaintiff's future medical needs and associated costs
- Attend independent medical exams
- Serve as a nurse expert witness
- Perform cost of care estimates for long term care treatment and catastrophic case management scenarios
- Locate or prepare demonstrative evidence for trial
- Assist with preparation for and support during deposition, trial or ADR

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