

HEALTHCARE AND WELLNESS

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE IN

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“The intensive, educational regimen, while balancing classwork, a full-time career, and family, ultimately proved to be a rewarding and enriching experience for me – one that I will use as reference in my future endeavors.”

—Rosa Emperador, RN, BSN
LNC Staff Nurse,
Sharp Chula Vista
Medical Center

BEING A REGISTERED NURSE IS JUST THE FIRST STEP

Are you a registered nurse who is intrigued by the practice of law? If so, there's a place for you that bridges both healthcare and the legal system. If you've ever wondered how to broaden your nursing credentials, look no further. As a trained Legal Nurse Consultant (LNC), you'll serve as a liaison between legal and healthcare professionals, becoming a unique and valuable member of the litigation team.

Legal Nurse Consultants assist attorneys by contributing their knowledge to cases such as workers' compensation, medical insurance claims, and malpractice lawsuits. They serve as expert witnesses, interpret medical records and issues, or render opinions about injuries or damage claims.

With an LNC certificate, you can work full time or part time, and keep your nursing job. You can set up your own independent practice or seek an in-house position at a law office, insurance company, or hospital. Whichever you choose, you'll have all the information you need to establish yourself in your new career.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- How to review, analyze and interpret medical records and related medical documents, and prepare reports succinctly summarizing that information
- How to act as a consultant on health care issues to attorneys in diverse legal settings
- Standard of care issues and relationship to claimed injuries and damages
- How to develop and build a practice as an independent consultant and nursing expert witness

WHO CAN BENEFIT

- Registered Nurses (RNs), LVN/LPN, or other licensed healthcare worker

PREREQUISITE

Must be a Registered Nurse, LVN/LPN, or other licensed medical professional.

ADMISSION

Take individual courses or fulfill all of the requirements to earn your certificate. Classes are scheduled year-round with varying start dates, and can be taken in any order. Whichever you choose, you will gain the personal power that comes through learning new skills. Be assured that you are receiving education that is backed by the UC tradition of excellence.

APPLICATION FOR CANDIDACY

To earn your certificate, you must establish your candidacy by filing an application. We recommend you do this before the third class. Apply in person at UCR Extension Student Services office, or online through the “apply now” button on the certificate webpage.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

All courses provide California Board of Registered Nursing continuing education credit. UCR Extension is an accredited provider.

HOW TO EARN THIS CERTIFICATE

Individuals must complete a total of 14 quarter units, with a grade of C or better.

INTRODUCTION TO LEGAL
NURSE CONSULTING 1.5 UNITS

MEDICAL RECORD REVIEW, ANALYSIS AND
STANDARDS OF PRACTICE 1.5 UNITS

INTRODUCTION TO FORENSIC SCIENCE
IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS 3 UNITS

REPORT WRITING FOR THE LEGAL
NURSE CONSULTANT 2 UNITS

INTRODUCTION TO CIVIL LAW AND PROCEDURE
3 UNITS

ESTABLISHING AND ORGANIZING A PRACTICE AS A
LEGAL NURSE CONSULTANT 1 UNIT

SWORN TESTIMONY FOR THE
HEALTHCARE SPECIALIST 2 UNITS

- This program can typically be completed within 15 months.
- This program may be completed entirely online.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Prices, requirements and courses are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information:

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