

# MEDICAL LIABILITY AND NEGLIGENCE

**MEDICAL LIABILITY AND NEGLIGENCE (LAWM 513-301)**

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This course is designed for students with an interest in health care, medical malpractice, patient safety, complex tort issues and medical legal issues. It is ideal for those in the medical field and those pursuing employment in the medical profession.

This course will provide an insider's perspective on medical malpractice claims and the medico-legal considerations that those working in healthcare encounter in their daily work. We will begin with an introduction on basic concepts of negligence (tort) law. After covering these foundations, we will then discuss medical liability issues arising from the treatment relationship between health care providers and their patients. Topics will include the procedural elements that must be met before a suit can be filed; discovery that typically occurs in medical malpractice cases; specific claims and defenses that can be made in a malpractice case; the role and function of expert witnesses; the trend towards alternative dispute resolution; and an analysis of other health care issues.



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