Description: This module focuses on the concept of legal issues. This module will focus on the Nursing Practice Act, Obligation to report, HIPAA, and Advance Directives.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion this module the student will be able to:

1. Discuss the components of the North Carolina Nursing Practice Act.
2. Verbalize the legal responsibilities of nursing students.
3. Identify the four specific areas of The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and their impact on nursing practice.
4. Identify the requirements of the Patient Self-Determination Act of 1991 and nursing responsibilities.
5. Identify when the nurse has an obligation to report practices that endanger the health and safety of clients.

Learning Resources:

Preparation for class: Reading assignment: Berman, Chapters 4 and 5

In-class activities: Discussion

After class: Explore MediaLink www.prenhall.com/berman Chapters 4 and 5
Complete unit outcomes
Visit the North Carolina Board of Nursing website http://www.ncbon.org and review the Nursing Practice Act (located under Laws and Rules)

Evaluation:
Unit test, final exam