Description: This module focuses on the concept of legal issues. This module will focus on whistle blowing, obligation to report, and risk management.

Learning Outcomes:
Upon completion this module the student will be able to:
1. Describe the nurse’s ethical and statutory duty to report certain behaviors and actions and the process to accomplish this reporting.
2. Differentiate between Quality Improvement and Risk Management.
3. Demonstrate correct documentation when completing an incident report.
4. Describe the pros and cons of whistle blowing.
5. Discuss the beginning nurse’s role in risk management activities.

Learning Resources:
Visit the following web site and review the ANA code of Ethics for Nurses – acting on questionable practice (3.4) and addressing impaired practice (3.5).
http://nursingworld.org/MainMenu Categories/ThePracticeofProfessionalNursing/EthicsStandards/CodeofEthics.aspx
Visit the North Carolina Board of Nursing website http://www.ncbon.org and review the Nursing Practice Act 90-171.47 (located under Laws and Rules)

Learning Activities:
- Guest speaker – agency risk manager
- Case studies/discussion

Evaluation:
- Tests