

University of the Sciences in Philadelphia
HP 740 Health Law and Regulation
Prof. Robert I. Field
Spring 2006
Syllabus

Credits: 3 semester hours

Meeting Time: Wednesday, 5:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Meeting Place: Rosenberger Hall room 100

Prerequisite: None

Course Description: This course will provide students with a basic knowledge of legal principles and regulatory programs applicable to the provision of health care. It will include an overview of major governmental agencies and of significant laws and an introduction to basic skills needed to analyze health care legal issues.

Course Approach: Classes will be a combination of discussion and lecture.

Course Policies: Students are expected to be familiar with and adhere to the policies contained in the USP Student Handbook, including those regarding academic integrity and plagiarism on pages 136-139.

Course Requirements: Students will be required to attend class regularly, to be prepared, and to participate in class discussion. There will be the following written and other formal requirements:

- Attend class regularly and participate in class discussions. (Class attendance is mandatory. Except in emergencies, please provide the instructor with advance notice of any unavoidable absences.)
- Midterm quiz.
- A take-home final examination.
- A paper of 5-10 double-spaced pages analyzing and evaluating a case covered in class.
- A presentation on an issue related to a topic of class discussion.

<u>Grading:</u>	Quiz:	15%
	Issue presentation:	20%
	Paper:	25%
	Take-home final examination:	30%
	Class participation:	10%

Class Website: blackboard.usip.edu

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Required Texts: Furrow, B.R. et al. *Health Law: Cases, Materials and Problems, Fifth Edition*. St. Paul, MN: West Publishing Co., 2004.

Honore, T. *About Law: An Introduction*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1995.

Additional articles and cases as assigned.

Class Schedule and Readings:

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| Jan. 18 | Topic: | Introduction to the course, role of law in health policy |
| | Readings: | Honore, pp.9-21; <i>Brune v Belinkoff</i> (handout). |
| Jan. 25 | Topic: | Introduction to the legal system, overview of the legal and regulatory process |
| | Readings: | Honore, pp. 23-75. |
| Feb. 1 | Topic: | Regulatory structure of health care, key regulatory agencies and programs: DHHS, CMS, FDA, EPA, OSHA |
| | Readings: | Handouts. |
| Feb. 8 | Topic: | Licensure of health care professionals and institutions, quality control |
| | Readings: | Furrow, et al., pp.114-124, 160-166. |
| Feb. 15 | Topic: | Professional relationships in health care - staff privileges, business arrangements |
| | Readings: | Furrow, pp. 810-829, 837-841, 868-870, 899-906. |
| Feb. 22 | Topic: | Regulation of referrals: fraud and abuse, Stark Amendments |
| | Readings: | Furrow, pp. 976-985, 1001-1017, 1024-1029, 1033-1039. |
| March 1 | Discussion of Paper Topics | |
| | Topic: | Tax-exempt status, nonprofit corporations |
| | Readings: | Furrow, pp. 920-931, 961-968. |
| March 8 | Spring Break | |

