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# LEGAL NURSE CONSULTING

## CONNECT TO A WHOLE NEW CAREER

Are you a registered nurse who is intrigued by the practice of law? If so, there's a place for you that bridges both health care and the legal system. If you've ever wondered how to broaden your nursing credentials, look no further than UCR Extension's Certificate in Legal Nurse Consulting. As a trained Legal Nurse Consultant (LNC), you'll serve as a liaison between legal and health care 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 may find themselves serving as an expert witness, interpreting medical records and issues, or rendering an opinion about an injury or damage claim.

With an LNC certificate, you can work full-time, or work 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.

NOTE: For your convenience, all program courses are offered online or in some other distance education format. All courses provide California Board of Registered Nursing continuing education credit. UCR Extension is an accredited provider.

### ADMISSION

Take individual courses or fulfill all of the requirements to earn your UCR Extension certificate. 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 a UCR Extension certificate, you must establish your candidacy by filing an application along with a nonrefundable application fee. We recommend you do this before the third course. Apply in person at the UCR Extension office or online at [www.extension.ucr.edu/certificates](http://www.extension.ucr.edu/certificates).

### 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

### HOW TO EARN THIS CERTIFICATE:

Complete 11 units of required courses and 3 units of law-related elective coursework, all with a grade of C or better.

INTRODUCTION TO LEGAL NURSE CONSULTING 1 UNIT

COURTROOM TESTIMONY BY THE HEALTH CARE SPECIALIST 1 UNIT

MEDICAL RECORD REVIEW, ANALYSIS AND STANDARDS OF PRACTICE 1.5 UNITS

REPORT WRITING FOR THE LEGAL NURSE CONSULTANT 2 UNITS

ETHICS FOR THE LEGAL PROFESSIONAL 2 UNITS  
OR CLINICAL ETHICS IN MANAGED CARE 1.5 UNITS

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

INTRODUCTION TO FORENSIC SCIENCE IN HEALTH CARE SETTINGS 3 UNITS

3 UNITS OF ELECTIVES (SEE WEB SITE)

- Usual completion time: 15 months.
- Program Investment: \$3,300-\$3,500.

### ALSO OF INTEREST

- You may take individual classes without being enrolled in the certificate program.
- Classes are scheduled year-round with varying start dates, and can be taken in any order.

### PROGRAM INFORMATION

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

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