



Legal Aspects of Nursing Documentation

How Well Would Your Documentation Hold Up in Court?



Thursday, October 30, 2025



8:30am - 4:30pm



McLeod Regional Medical Center
Pavilion First Floor Conference Room
801 E. Cheves Street Florence, SC 29506

This program will acquaint the learner with legal issues related to documentation in the practice of nursing. An overview of nursing law regarding practice and legal requirements of nursing documentation methods will be comprehensively addressed. Case studies of actual litigation containing examples of legally defensible documentation and legally indefensible documentation will be carefully examined.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this program, the participant should be able to:

1. Identify common pitfalls in nursing documentation.
2. Discuss strategies for writing concise, accurate nurses notes.
3. Explore strategies for documenting defensively.
4. Discuss how to document high-risk conversation and difficult situations.
5. Compare and contrast different documentation methods.
6. Recognize the legal implications of nursing documentation.

CREDIT

AHEC: This program is approved for 0.6 CEU's (6.0 clock hours) by Pee Dee AHEC and meets SC AHEC Best Practice standards. Participants must attend 90% of the program and complete an evaluation in order to receive a certificate of attendance. No partial credit will be given.

Registered Nurses: Pee Dee AHEC (Area Health Education Center) is approved as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by South Carolina Nurses Association an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Upon successful completion of this program, attendees will receive 6.0 contact hours.

FEE

Consortium Members: \$65

Non-Consortium Members: \$130

Health Profession Students: \$15

Non-Refundable Material Fee: \$5

Registration Deadline: October 26, 2025

INSTRUCTOR

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Pam has 40 years of varied nursing experiences which includes nursing administration and leadership, Educator, and Consultant. She received her master's degree in nursing administration with a clinical concentration in Adult Health. Although Pam works as an independent consultant, she continues to work in a healthcare system as a corporate educator. Pam is dually certified in medical-surgical nursing from the American Nurses Credentialing Center and the Academy of Medical Surgical Nurses and is also certified in Nursing Professional Development.

Pam's accomplishments include published author for journal articles, chapter author for medical-surgical textbooks, and recent author of a medical-surgical certification review textbook. She has been the recipient of various awards and recognitions throughout her career. She has also served on the advisory panel for the American Nurses Credentialing Center and currently serves as a mentor in the American Nurses Association mentor program. Pam speaks nationally on clinical, leadership and legal topics for healthcare professionals. She has served in the United States Air Force Reserve as a flight nurse.

Pam's pleasures include spending time with her family and friends, cooking, church and community activities, and she especially has a heart for helping homeless individuals.

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