

# North Hennepin Community College

## PLEG 2430: Torts & Personal Injury Law

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: \*.\*

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites:

This course requires the following prerequisite

PLEG 1111 - Introduction to Law and Paralegal Studies

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

This course covers the procedural and substantive law of torts and personal injury, including negligence, insurance, strict liability, products liability, and intentional torts. Students will prepare documents used in both a plaintiff and defense personal injury practice.

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 04/13/1916 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Introduction and overview of torts and personal injury law
  - Negligence (Duty, Breach, Causation, Damages)
  - Defenses to Negligence and Special Duties
  - Understanding medical terminology
  - Locating, obtaining, reviewing and summarizing medical records
  - First and third party insurance coverage
  - Intentional torts
  - Strict liability and products liability

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Understand the fundamentals of American tort law (ELO 1)
2. Prepare documents typically used in a personal injury and insurance defense practice (ELO 2,4)
3. Understand automobile insurance policies and coverage (ELO 1)
4. Understand negligence law and defenses to negligence (ELO 1)
5. Locate, obtain, and summarize medical records (ELO 2, 3)
6. Understand intentional torts, torts to property, and strict and products liability to the student (ELO 1)
7. Recognize and solve ethical dilemmas common to personal injury law and litigation (ELO 3)
8. Understand the work of a paralegal in a personal injury or insurance defense law firm (ELO 1)

### E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

### F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

## **G. SPECIAL INFORMATION**

1. Knowledge of Human Cultures and the Physical and Natural World; Through study in the sciences, mathematics, social sciences, humanities, histories, languages, the arts, technology and professions.
2. Intellectual and Practical Skills - Including: Inquiry and analysis; Critical and creative thinking; Written and oral communication; Quantitative literacy; Information literacy; Teamwork and problem solving.
3. Personal and Social Responsibility and Engagement; Including: Civic knowledge and involvement; campus, local and global; Intercultural knowledge and competence; Ethical reasoning and action; Foundations and skills for lifelong learning.
4. Integrative and Applied Learning - Including: Synthesis and advanced accomplishment across general education, liberal studies, specialized studies and activities in the broader campus community.