

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## PARA 435: Personal Injury

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites:

This course requires both of these prerequisites

PARA 310 - Civil Procedure I

PARA 251 - Legal Research and Writing

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

A study of the procedural and substantive law of personal injury, including negligence, products liability, strict liability, and insurance.

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 01/17/1997 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Introduction and general considerations
2. Principles of negligence and other theories of liability
3. Damages
4. Medical terminology
5. Processing medical records and reports
6. Principles of insurance loss
7. No-fault insurance
8. Processing personal injury claims

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. To learn the substance and procedure of personal injury litigation.
2. To develop skills in the collection and evaluation of medical and other records for the preparation and development of personal injury litigation.
3. To prepare a settlement proposal brochure based on the facts and records in a hypothetical case.
4. To understand various theories of personal injury law, including negligence, products liability, strict liability, and insurance.

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

None

### F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

### G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted