

# Nurses & the Law



La Touche Training  
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A one-day intensive training programme for Nurses, that examines, in a practical and interactive way, the key legal issues that are relevant to Nurses, in their day-to-day practice, including; Duty of Care, Negligence, Consent, and Scope of Practice, amongst others.

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**"It was absolutely brilliant, ideally every nurse should do this course, especially when we work within such a legally sensitive clinical environment"**

Francis Cullen

R.G.N. (Postgrad Gerontology 2006/'07 NUI Galway)  
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## WHO AND WHY?

In the current litigious environment that Healthcare Professionals work in, it is important that Nurses have a practical understanding of key legal issues, which may affect them in the course of their work. They need to understand their legal duty of care and how good record keeping comprises part of that duty. It also provides a practical understanding of other important legal issues that are relevant to Nurses.

## COURSE OUTLINE

This intensive and practical training is a one-day course aimed at addressing some of the most common legal issues, which arise for Nurses, in their daily practice. The day includes analysis of the following issues; Accountability, Duty of Care, Good Record Keeping as part of that Duty of Care, Professional Negligence, Consent, Scope of Practice, and analyses key Irish legal cases where these issues have arisen. Practical exercises examine how these issues arise, in day-to-day nursing situations.

## KEY LEARNING POINTS

Delegates will

- Analyse their legal duty of care
  - Understand how good record keeping is part of that duty
  - Identify the function of their records
  - Learn the components of good record keeping
  - Identify the pitfalls in records
  - Look at what is required to be proved in a Negligence action
- Be aware of the constituents of a valid legal consent and how it should be recorded
  - Gain knowledge on how to assess their scope of practice and the legal implications of working outside of it
  - Look at the some Irish legal cases where these issues have arisen

## COURSE LOGISTICS

If you have five or more colleagues interested in the training, you may wish La Touche Training to design and deliver the training in-house at your organisation

## ABOUT LA TOUCHE TRAINING

La Touche Training is Ireland's leading legal training company. We specialise in training non-lawyers in legal matters.

Our course designers and team of lawyers have unparalleled experience in providing high quality training that is tailored to your exact requirements.

Since beginning our specialised programme in 1995 over 70,000 delegates have attended our high quality and innovative training programmes. Clients' feedback is testimony to the success of our courses.

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**A selection of our clients include:**

### Hospitals

- Adelaide and Meath Hospital
- Beaumont Hospital
- Bon Secours Hospital
- Central Mental Hospital
- Cherry Orchard Hospital
- Children's University Hospital
- Coombe Women's Hospital
- Holles Street Maternity Hospital
- Kerry General Hospital
- Leopardstown Park Hospital
- Limerick Regional Hospital
- Mater Misericordiae University Hospital
- Midland Regional Hospital
- Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children
- Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda
- Rotunda Maternity Hospital
- St. James's Hospital
- St. John of God Hospitalier
- St. Joseph's Longford
- St. Vincent's Hospital Fairview
- Vergemount Clinic

### HSE Areas

- Dublin Mid Leinster
- Dublin North East
- Dublin South
- Dublin West

### Organisations

- AON Healthcare Risk Services
- Brothers of Charity
- Centre for Nurse Education
- Department of Health
- Drogheda Women's Refuge
- Irish College of General Practitioners
- Irish Nurses Organisation
- Irish Prison Service
- Mental Health Commission
- National Association of GP Trainees
- NMPDU
- The Ergonomics Society
- The Health and Safety Authority



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