



The Legal Implications of Nursing Practice

Cruising to Papua New Guinea

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The Legal Implications of Nursing Practice

In this conference, we will explore the key legal concepts that impact Nursing practice and gain the knowledge and skill to make effective decisions for patient and staff safety and confidence.

Conference Learning Outcomes

- Assess how the legal system influences the provision of health services and professional practice in Australia through health care legislation and common law.
- Analyse aspects of health practice and policy from an ethical and legal standpoint.
- Discuss how various laws, professional standards, and legislative requirements are incorporated into daily Nursing practice.
- Apply legal and professional standards to situations in order to make safe and effective decisions for safe practice

The Conference Online Library

We have established this Information Bank so that you have access to the most up to date information regarding the program for this Conference.

You will also have access to pre-reading and recorded webinar sessions to support Conference content prior to the commencement of the Conference program.



OUR PRESENTER

Dr Pam Savage, RN, Dip N (Lon), BA, MHPed, Dip Law, EdDoc

Pam has an extensive background in clinical Nursing, education, and remote area Nursing both in Australia and overseas. As a Lawyer and Clinician, this background is brought to her role as adjunct Lecturer to undergraduate and postgraduate students as well as Aboriginal Health Workers.

Pam is a Barrister at Bar (NSW) and a published author and her book “Law for Student Nurses: applied principles” is now in its third edition.



Designing undergraduate and postgraduate law courses for Nurses and community health workers has been a major focus of her work. As a regular contributor to Nurses for Nurses network her blogs and webinars address issues of professional and legal governance that have relevance to Nurses working in many environments.



THE PROGRAM

DAY 1



DAY 1: 19 NOV 2019 | DEPART BRISBANE | 4PM

Make sure you are up on deck to be a part of the "setting sail" festivities as we say farewell to Brisbane.

Evening: Enjoy a chance to mingle and have a drink with the other attendees at the Conference Registration. (Time and Venue: TBA)

DAY 2

DAY 2: 20 NOV 2019 | AT SEA | CPD: 6 HRS

An opportunity to review and explore prior learning, experience and policies governing our Nursing careers. This session will gather your specific issues and matters to ensure these will be addressed throughout the conference.

0930 – 1030: What are the key areas of Law that can affect Nurses?

This session will define and explain common law, civil law, criminal law, statute law, coronial inquiries, employment law and professional indemnity insurance. Discussion will address how and when these might give rise to actions against a Nurse.

1030 – 1100: Break

1100 – 1200: Why we need to Understand the Tort of Negligence

Negligence has over the last two decades broadened to include claims of damage that were once outside the realms of the common law. At its core, the approach to determining if there is a case in negligence are the elements of negligence. This session will explain these concepts and discuss how, in practice the Nurse can use them in assessing a situation that carries risks.

1200 – 1330: Lunch

1330 – 1500: Applying Concepts of Negligence to real-world Experiences

This is an interactive session where participants can relate their own practice situations and explore how these might be interpreted against elements of negligence. Legal cases will be examined.

1500 – 1530: Break

1530 – 1630: Consent

Every Nurse believes they adhere to the rules but the law on consent is evolving and the obligations on health professionals have become broader and expectations about the informed consent have become higher.

1630 – 1700: Review and question session

0830 – 0930: Fraudulent and criminal Nursing Actions

What makes something a crime and how both the legal and professional bodies respond to and sanction such behaviours will be discussed. We will consider the various legal regulatory strategies which may be used to control such conduct with a view to matching appropriate strategies with the various forms of dishonest conduct which may take place.

0930 – 1030: What are the legal, cultural requirements and Nursing Responsibilities after a Death?

For many Nurses it has been a long time since they were taught the procedures of caring for the deceased client. Over time the protocols for preparation have altered in line with requirements for autopsy, coronial and police investigations.

1030 – 1100: Break**1100 – 1200: Scope of Practice**

This session aims to clarify the professional and legal interpretation of Scope of Practice to ensure, as clinicians, we have the capacity to judge and relate real world situations to these boundaries and understand the consequences of failing to work within them.

1200 – 1400: Lunch**1400 – 1530: Coronial Inquiries and Investigations**

A perennial anxiety for Nurses is being called to provide information or be a witness at a Coroner's Inquest. The procedures and expectations of the system will be explained and the responsibilities of health professionals who may be involved will be discussed.

1530 - 1630: Professional Boundaries and Boundary Crossings

This session will explore the Code of Professional Conduct for Nurses and the concept of professional boundaries. Recognising just what constitutes transgressions and likely professional consequences will be the main focus.

1630 – 1700: Review and question session

DAY 4



22 NOV 2019 | ONSHORE ALOTAU | OPTIONAL | CPD: 3 HRS | 8AM-6PM

Optional Hospital Tour

The Capital of Papua New Guinea's Milne Bay Province, Alotau is steeped in history, rich in culture and blessed with natural beauty. Join us on a tour of the local hospital where we will tour the facility with our Nursing colleagues and discuss the delivery of Nursing services reviewing the similarities and differences – this is an opportunity to learn from each other.

Evening: Join us for an open forum discussion about our hospital visit today.

DAY 5



23 NOV 2019 | ONSHORE KITAVA | 8AM - 5PM

Located on Papua New Guinea's northeastern tip, this province - blessed with natural beauty but plagued with an unlucky past - has literally risen from the ashes.

Evening: Join us an open forum discussion.

DAY 6



24 NOV 2019 | ONSHORE RABAU | OPTIONAL CPD: 3 HRS | 8AM-5PM

Located on Papua New Guinea's north eastern tip, this province - blessed with natural beauty but plagued with an unlucky past - has literally risen from the ashes.

Join us on a tour of the local hospital where we will tour the facility with our Nursing colleagues and discuss the delivery of Nursing services reviewing the similarities and differences – this is an opportunity to learn from each other.

Evening: Join us an open forum discussion.

DAY 7



25 NOV 2019 | ONSHORE KIRIWINA ISLAND | 8AM - 5PM

Spend the day exploring this stunning port of call. Located in Papua New Guinea's Milne Bay Province, Kiriwina is the largest and by far the most populous of the Trobriand Islands, and home to one of the most colourful and fascinating cultures on earth.

Evening: Join us an open forum discussion.

DAY 8



26 NOV 2019 | ONSHORE THE CONFLICT ISLANDS | 8AM - 5PM

Today's stop gives you the opportunity to experience untouched natural beauty. Don't be fooled by the name, this is paradise in the Coral Sea! The Conflict Islands are made up of 21 untouched islands in Papua New Guinea. With spectacular reefs, palm trees and deep blue seas, the Conflict Islands are home to an incredible array of marine wildlife.

Evening: Join us an open forum discussion.

DAY 9

27 NOV 2019 | AT SEA | CPD: 6 HRS

0830 – 0930: Legal Cases that challenge Nursing

There are few cases but those that directly affected Nursing policies, Nursing education and Nursing practice are worth examining. Documentation, medication administration, discharge planning and management responsibilities will be among the issues raised.

0930 – 1030: Risk Management, Incident Reports and Defensive Documentation

The need for investigation into incidents is accepted. How to structure an incident report and the potential use of this document in legal proceedings has been controversial at times. However, these documents are used by lawyers so professional responsibility for generating these needs to be understood.

1030 – 1100: Break**1100 – 1200: Good Samaritan Law**

The duty to rescue and obligations on the professional faced with an emergency cause anxiety and the fear of negative outcomes leading to legal liability inhibit and dismay. This session will discuss the legal and professional obligations and explore the law in relation to rescuers and the injured.

1200 – 1400: Lunch**1400 – 1530: The most common Nursing errors**

While not all errors have legal consequences we all work hard to avoid mistakes. Research has shown not only the most likely errors but the circumstances that in **real world** situations give rise to them.

1530 - 1630: Professional Malpractice, Professional Misconduct, Unsatisfactory Conduct

This session will explore the law that governs Nurses, the systems that lead to investigations and the meaning of these labels. Cases and tribunal findings will be used to explore findings of negligence and conduct that have led to sanctions and penalties against Nurses.

1630 – 1700: Review and question session

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0830 – 0930: Dealing with Complaints

We are all familiar with conflict situations and aware if poorly handled these can move into legal and professional minefields. Strategies to defuse and respond to conflict are often learnt “on the job” but difficult situations are the norm for Nurses and understanding how our communication and approaches can resolve and avoid further actions can be valuable.

0930 – 1030: Behaviours that open the way for Tort Actions

Habits of practice and habits of Nursing communication can underpin accusations of bullying, defamation, slander and libel. Issues of confidentiality and trespass to person are minefields in practice. Examples from the workplace will be used to guide discussion.

1030 – 1100: Break**1100 – 1200: Confusing Situations**

Legislation and social attitudes are constantly changing. The rules governing certification of death, organ donation, chemical and physical restraints are some of the areas that can arise in our clinical situations and cause anxiety.

1200 – 1400: Lunch**1400 – 1530: Voluntary and Involuntary Admission**

Legislation dictates just when and how consumers are admitted for mental health services. The rights of the client are paramount considerations but are often overlooked in general health services.

1530 - 1630: 1530 – 1630: Oh no, not another Student to Supervise!

Many Nurses fear the consequences of student errors and their capacity to delegate and manage student work. The rules governing responsibility and risks are the focus of this session.

DAY 10

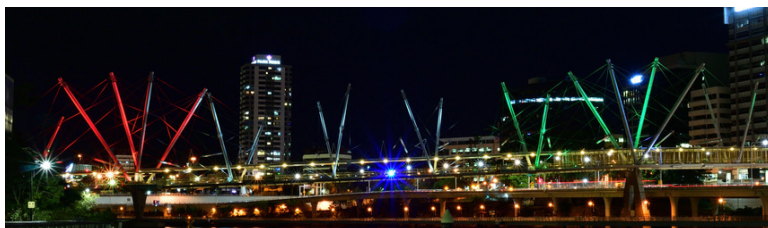
1630 – 1700: Bringing it all together with Final Questions

Evening: Farewell Drinks and Canapes party (Time and Venue: TBA)

DAY 11

**29 NOV 2019 | ARRIVE
BRISBANE | 6AM**

**0600: Arrive in Brisbane
and disembark - safe
travels!**



THE FINER DETAILS

REGISTRATION

Conference Registration Cost: \$890.00

What's Included:

- An extensive Conference program based on current best practice information equating to 24 CPD Hours
- Education content that meets the same exacting standards as anything offered in an Australian land-based program
- Conference Presenters that are recognised experts in their field and are excited to be able to share their skill, knowledge, and passion with Conference Attendees
- An online Conference library filled to the brim with educational content that allows you to create your own learning experience by completing pre-conference education activities
- A Registration Reception including complimentary drinks where you can meet other Conference Attendees and network with Conference Conveners and Conference Presenter/s
- Editable presentation-note handouts that can be downloaded to your device of choice or printed, whichever you choose
- A Conference satchel that includes a notepad, pen, lanyard (this is important on a cruise ship to attach your room key which becomes your lifeline on a ship) and additional information to support a fantastic Conference experience
- The opportunity to meet as a group in various open forums, in one of the many fabulous locations on the ship
- A complimentary Farewell Drinks and Canapes Function held on the last night of the Conference to celebrate new friendships and information gained
- A Conference Transcript that identifies each session held at the Conference including the session synopsis, session presenter, and CPD allocation
- A Certificate of Completion identifying the CPD hours attached to the Conference Program for you to include in your CPD Evidence Portfolio

What's Not Included:

- Travel costs
- Cabin costs
- Travel insurance

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