

LAWS70348 Patient Safety and the Law

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	7 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: July, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: The total class time is between 24 and 26 hours. Total Time Commitment: Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Prerequisites:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Corequisites:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Recommended Background Knowledge:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Non Allowed Subjects:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Core Participation Requirements:	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
Contact:	For the most up-to-date information about this subject, contact the Melbourne Law Masters Office by email at law-masters@unimelb.edu.au or phone 8344 6190 or alternatively visit the subject website: www.masters.law.unimelb.edu.au
Subject Overview:	Principal topics will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Patient safety # Patients' needs and rights following an adverse event # Open disclosure # Defensive medicine # Health practitioner regulation (including the new Australian Health Practitioner Regulatory scheme) # Health complaint systems in Australia and New Zealand.
Objectives:	A student who has successfully completed this subject should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Understand the significance of patient safety as a health policy issue # Be aware of the needs of patients following an adverse event # Know what 'open disclosure' means and why it matters # Have analysed barriers to patient safety, including medical litigation # Understand the legal responsibilities of clinicians, managers and boards # Appreciate regulatory levers to improve patient safety # Have examined the regulation of health professionals in Australia and New Zealand # Be familiar with health complaint systems in Australia and New Zealand.
Assessment:	10,000 word research paper (100%) (7 October) on a topic approved by the subject coordinator
Prescribed Texts:	Visit the subject website for more information
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
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