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Youth Career Planning Seminar

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Educational Background

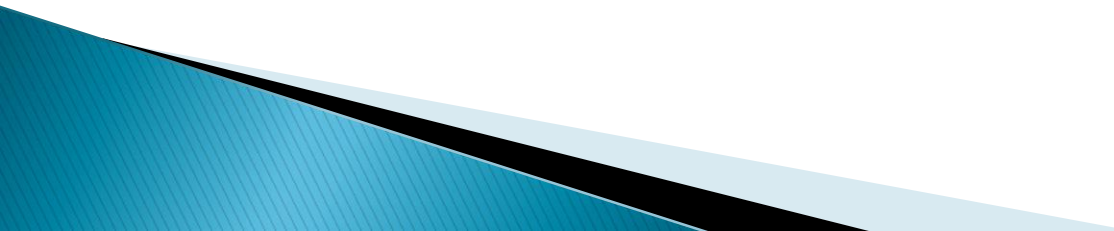
- ▶ Clinical Risk Manager for AMITA Health, Adventist Midwest Health
 - Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
 - Juris Doctor
 - Master of Laws in Health Law

Job Description

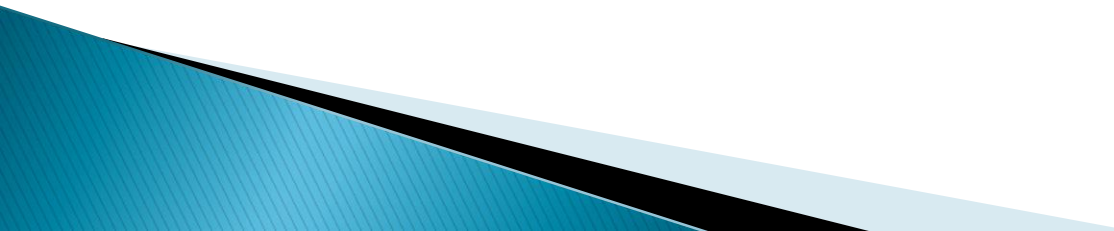
- ▶ My job duties are separated into two functions: Clinical/Patient Safety and Claims/Litigation
- ▶ Clinical/Patient Safety
 - Review daily event/incident reports
 - Participate in Root Cause Analyses
 - Participate in 24/7 call coverage

Job Description


▶ Claims / Litigation

- Acknowledge attorney liens and summons and complaints
 - Negotiate with attorney and/or patients.
Settlement authority given to me
 - Participate in mediation with plaintiff and defense counsel
 - Work with Corporate Claims Manager in attorney selection and defense strategy
 - Attend trial
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Personal Interests

- ▶ Interest in Healthcare
 - ▶ Interest in improving policies, protocols, guidelines
 - ▶ Interest in improving patient safety
 - ▶ Interest in legal work
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Work Environment

- ▶ I am the Clinical Risk Manager for 4 sites, so I travel amongst all 4 sites
 - In addition to traveling amongst the 4 sites, I travel to and from court and law firms
 - ▶ My work hours are set at 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM but my hours vary
 - ▶ In the organization I work for, the Risk Management Department reports to the Chief Legal Officer for the health system
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Work Environment

▶ Reporting Structure:

- I report directly to a Senior Director of Risk Management
- Myself and the Senior Director of Risk Management are responsible for providing Risk Management coverage over 4 sites

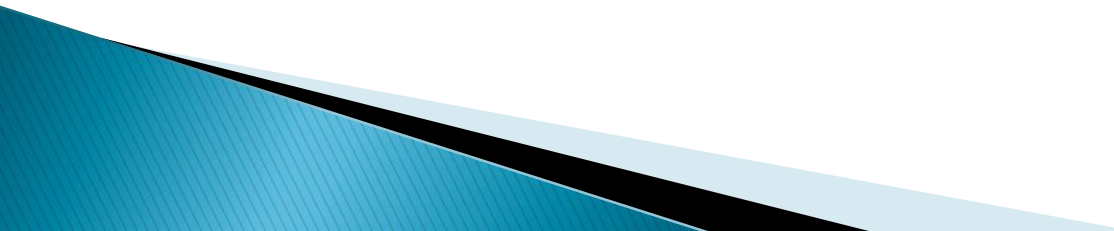
Career Outlook

- ▶ This is a very specialized area. Most hospitals do have Risk Management departments, but some do not
- ▶ It is very rare to begin a care in Risk Management as a first job. The individual generally needs clinical or legal experience

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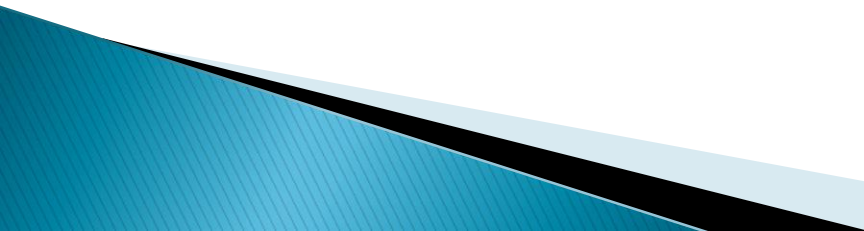
General Requirements

- ▶ Law school takes 3 years if done full-time. Many law school programs also require completion of internship or externship courses
 - ▶ Master of Laws programs take roughly 1 year to complete, if done full-time
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Specialties

- ▶ Health law is very broad. Types of specialties include:
 - Medical Malpractice
 - Medical Malpractice Defense
 - Corporate Transactions
 - Managed Care
 - Fraud and Abuse

Advice/ Recommendations

- ▶ If your high school offers courses in law, I highly suggest you take those. My high school only offered one course, which I took
 - ▶ College programs do offer “Pre-Law” tracts. I did not go this route because I knew in high school I wanted to enter the field of law. If you are unsure whether law is the right area for you, I encourage you to take “Pre-Law” courses
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Advice/ Recommendations

- ▶ Contrary to what you may have heard, there is no one specific major that you need for law school admission
- ▶ Entry into Law School requires the Law School Admission Test, or “LSAT.” A score of 150 is considered average. A perfect score is 180
- ▶ There are two types of law schools
 - ABA Accredited
 - Non-ABA Accredited

Advice/ Recommendations

- ▶ In order to practice law or be admitted to the state bar post-law school graduation, the graduate must successfully sit for and pass the state bar exam. The state bar exam is only offered twice a year
 - The state bar exam is a two or three day exam (depending on how many states your sit for)
 - One day is the multi-state bar examination, which consists of multiple choice questions
 - One day is the state bar examination, which consists of essay questions

Questions?

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