J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary

Course Prefix and Number: LGL 215  Credits: 3

Course Title: Torts

Course Description: Studies fundamental principles of the law of torts and may include preparation and use of pleadings and other documents involved in the trial of a civil action. Emphasizes intentional torts, negligence, personal injury, products liability, and malpractice cases. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: To acquaint the students in the Paralegal Studies, Litigation specialization with the law of torts, including personal and property torts and defenses.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites: None

Course Objectives: Upon completing the course, the student will be able to
a. Identify tort actions and their defenses;
b. Recognize various pleadings used in certain tort actions; and
c. Describe the defenses to a tort action.

Major Topics to Be Included:
a. Intentional torts and their defenses
b. Negligence
   1. Contributory negligence
   2. Assumption of risk
   3. Last clear chance
c. Defamation of character
   1. Slander
   2. Libel
d. Products liability
   1. Negligence
   2. Breach of warranty
   3. Strict liability
e. Medical malpractice
f. Legal malpractice
g. Miscellaneous tort doctrines and theories
   1. Emergency doctrine
   2. Good Samaritan statute
   3. Slip and fall cases
   4. Res ipsa loquitur
   5. Workers’ compensation

Effective Date of Course Content Summary: June 2, 2016