**Suggested Answers to Assignments, Chapter 4, Legal and Ethical Issues**

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| Written Assignments | Learning Objective(s) |
| Assignment #1. Students complete Chapter 4 of *Lippincott Workbook for Nursing Assistants.* | 1–9 |
| Assignment #2. Students’ responses should include:Suspected or witnessed abuse must by law be reported according to facility policies.Consequences include:If not reported, abuse and harm are allowed to continue.If the nursing assistants fail to report suspected or witnessed abuse, they can be found equally responsible for the abuse, and may put their certification in jeopardy. | 5, 6 |
| Assignment #3. Students’ responses should include:Laws preserve basic human rights and deal with “black” or “white” issues within the law or outside of the law.Ethics provide guidelines for human behavior. Ethics involve individuals’ values and beliefs.Ethics are based on moral principles or standards.Ethics help determine right from wrong behaviors. | 7 |

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| Group Assignment | Learning Objective(s) |
| Assignment #1. Students’ responses should include:Definition of neglect as the failure to provide for a dependent person’s basic physical needs.Neglect includes abandonment, which is the act of withdrawing support or help from another person, in spite of duty or responsibility.Examples of neglect and signs that a person is a victim of neglect are found in Table 4-1 of the text. | 5, 6 |

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| Clinical Assignments | Learning Objective(s) |
| Assignment #1. Students will watch Module 1 of *Lippincott Video Series for Nursing Assistants,* “Patient and Resident Rights and Communication.” | 1 |
| Assignment #2. Request a nurse or other individual who is a medical law expert to discuss the following:Civil lawTortsUnintentionalNegligenceIntentionalDefamationAssaultBatteryFraudFalse imprisonmentInvasion of privacyLarcenyMalpracticeCriminal lawPhysical abusePsychological (emotional) abuseSexual abuseElder abuse | 3–6, 7 |

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| Web Assignments | Learning Objective(s) |
| Assignment #1. Students can go online and enter “elder abuse” to select one of the many available information sites. | 5, 6 |
| Assignment #2. Examples of topics students can enter to search for some common ethical issues in medicine and health care:Assisted suicideAbortionCloningFreezing embryosMedical experimentation/research in low-income countriesStem cell researchEnd-of-life issuesOrgan trafficking and transplantation | 8 |