



General Practice Program Certificate Description October 2017

The General Practice Program bridges the gap between the theoretical world of law school and the real world of practice for students. Recognizing that approximately half of our graduates pursue careers in solo, small firm, or general practice, the General Practice Program offers students the opportunity to focus their studies in those areas of the law associated with such a practice. Through simulation-based courses and practice labs taught by adjunct professors who are practicing lawyers known for their expertise in the subjects which they teach, the GPP provides skills training to enable students to “hit the ground running” when they embark on their careers in a general practice and focus on developing proficiency. In addition, the GPP offers students interested in solo, small firm, or general practice the option of being recognized and “credentialed” by earning a Certificate in General Practice at graduation.

CURRICULUM

To receive a Certificate in General Practice, students must complete 16 approved credits during their second and third years. Students are also encouraged to participate in an externship, an internship, a Semester in Practice (SiP), or a Legal Clinic, approved by the Director; these experiences fulfill up to 6 credits of the 16 credit requirement. In addition, at least 8 credits of the 16-credit requirement must come from GPP courses, including at least 4 credits from GPP Practice Labs. The Director has discretion to alter the distribution of required GPP course credits between GPP Practice Labs and other GPP courses, taking into account the availability of GPP Practice Labs during any particular time frame. Although subject to revision, the following is the current course offering for credit toward the completion of the certificate program for the 2018-2019 academic year:

2018 Spring Semester Courses:

Estate Planning Practice Lab
Municipal Law
Bankruptcy
Commercial Transactions
Criminal Practice and Procedure
Trial Practice
Mediation Advocacy
Negotiation
Advanced Skills for Practice

2018 Fall Semester Courses:

Criminal Procedure: Bail to Jail
International Intellectual Property
Family Law
Family Law Practice Lab
Criminal Practice and Procedure
Trial Practice
Negotiation
Impaired Driving
E-Lawyering, E-Discovery and Big Data
E-Lawyering- Practice Management

2018 Summer Courses:

Hacktivist Boot Camp
Improv for Lawyers
Writing for Practice

Planning for a GPP Certificate

In order to receive a GPP Certificate, you must also complete the attached “Declaration Form” and file it with the Director of GPP and the Registrar by the end of your 4th semester. Declaration Forms are available on the GPP website, from the Registrar, or in the GPP office in 105 Waterman. In order to pursue a certificate, students must have a grade point average of at least 2.2 and students hoping to obtain the certificate must achieve a 3.0 minimum grade point average to earn the certificate.