

# HEALTH LAW AND POLICY - GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Law students may demonstrate to employers that they are prepared to practice health law and lead in the administration financing, organization policy-making and delivery of health care by earning a health law & policy certificate (HLP). To qualify for the HLP certificate, a student must earn 92 credit hours—three more than required for a regular JD degree—and at least 20 credit hours must be earned in courses approved in the health law and policy curriculum. Students awarded the health law & policy certificate will carry the notation of their concentration on their Law School transcripts. Moreover, students may earn the "Certificate With Honors" notation by earning a cumulative average grade of at least A- in the designated courses.

The HLP certificate will not only prepare you to practice law in areas such as health care administration, organization, financing, public interest advocacy and public health, but the certificate will also allow you to take advantage of the wealth of resources and courses related to health and health care in the Law School and throughout the University of Colorado system. We surveyed health law employers and heard from them that the HLP certificate will move law graduate resumes to the top of the applicant pile.

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## Requirements

### Required Courses and Credits

A full list of the designated courses and HLP certificate requirements may be found in Law School Rules ([https://www.colorado.edu/law/about/rules/#\\_Toc385575490](https://www.colorado.edu/law/about/rules/#_Toc385575490))

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Mandatory Core Courses:</b>		<b>9</b>
LAWS 7425	Health Law and Policy: Access, Cost, Quality, Choice	
LAWS 7205	Administrative Law	
<i>Intermediate Course Requirements (choose one)</i>		
LAWS 7405	Health Law 2: Medical Malpractice and Quality Regulation	
LAWS 7415	Bioethics and Law	
LAWS 7565	Corporate Transactions in Health Law	
LAWS 8045	Seminar: Comparative Constitutional Law	
<i>Mandatory Writing Course (choose one)</i>		<b>2-3</b>
LAWS 7051	Transactional Drafting	
LAWS 7061	Contract Drafting	
LAWS 6123	Legislative and Policy Drafting	
LAWS 6207	Writing in the Regulatory State	
LAWS 6226	Advanced Legal Writing	
LAWS 6896	Advanced Legal Research and Writing for Practice	
<b>Elective Courses (Students must complete any two of the following elective courses)</b>		<b>5-6</b>
LAWS 7201	Antitrust	

LAWS 7211	Business Planning
LAWS 7601	Business Transactions
LAWS 6221	Compliance
LAWS 7411	Mergers, Acquisitions and Reorganizations
LAWS 6201	Agency, Partnership, and the LLC
LAWS 7021	Bankruptcy
LAWS 7445	Insurance Law
LAWS 7251	Non-Profit Law
LAWS 6157	Corporate Taxation
LAWS 6117	Survey of Business Enterprise Tax
LAWS 6167	Partnership Taxation
LAWS 6128	Statutory Interpretation
LAWS 7065	Immigration and Citizenship Law
LAWS 8535	Seminar: Class and Law
LAWS 8645	Seminar: Law and Politics Colloquium: Race in America
LAWS 7515	Poverty Law
LAWS 6308	Law and Neuroscience
LAWS 7605	Refugee and Asylum Law
LAWS 7255	Local Government
LAWS 8545	Seminar: Food Law and Policy
LAWS 7513	Domestic Violence
LAWS 8361	Seminar: Information Privacy
LAWS 6702	Climate Justice
LAWS 7440	International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
LAWS 8430	Seminar: Comparative Public Health Law and Ethics
LAWS 7409	Legal Negotiation
LAWS 7439	Mediation
LAWS 7751	Arbitration
LAWS 6211	Corporations
LAWS 7429	Alternative Dispute Resolution
SOCY 7002	Social Disparities in Health

Additional courses of ANTH 5290, HSMP 6604, ANTH 5300, and ENVS 6210, HBSC 6320, HBSC 7120, HSMP 6606, ANTH 5014, and ANTH 5080 available through Colorado School of Public Health or Health and Behavioral Sciences at UC Denver.

### Capstone Course (at least 4 credits, approvals required). Note that Civil Practice Clinic is a year-long course.

LAWS 7535	Poverty, Health and Law 1	4
LAWS 6009	Legal Aid Civil Practice 1	
LAWS 7939	Extern Program	

## Experiential Learning and Externship Opportunities

Colorado law students have enjoyed the network and mentoring provided by the area’s health law community that has taken an active interest in enhancing our students’ educational experience.

- Boulder Community Hospital General Council Office
- Longmont United Hospital General Council Office
- Colorado Department of Public Health and The Environment
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Civil Rights

- And a host of private law firms such as Caplan & Earnest, Holland & Hart, Feagre & Benson, and Polshinelli Shughart