

Health Law and Policy (Graduate Certificate)

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In an era of major legal and policy reforms, and changes in health care and public health laws, it's essential that you have the ability to recognize, assess and solve difficult issues at the intersection of law, ethics and health policy. ASU Law offers a wide variety of health law-related courses toward the achievement of this proficiency.

Program description

Degree awarded: Certificate Health Law and Policy (Certificate)

The health law and policy certificate at ASU's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law is a pivotal component in launching a health law career.

The program is designed to immerse students in multiple areas of public health law, policy and ethics, broadening their knowledge and skills in preparation for practice in public and private sectors, policy development or academic work.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#)

Degree requirements

Required Core (5 credit hours)

LAW 650 Health Law (3)

LAW 651 Public Health Law (2)

Electives (10 credit hours)

Culminating Experience

writing requirement and active participation in health law

Additional Curriculum Information

Students are required to participate in at least one of the following activities; other activities consistent with this listing also may be considered by the program or certificate director or designee:

- active participation as an officer for at least one year in the student Health Law Society
- editorial board position for at least one year with Jurimetrics
- health or public health law-based externships, upon approval from program director or designee, for at least one semester or summer session
- research assistant for at least one semester or summer session with the Public Health Law and Policy program or other centers or programs at ASU Law, provided that research is focused predominantly on health-related topics

The student must write a substantial paper on a health or public health law topic, under the guidance of a College of Law faculty member. The paper must be at least 15 single-spaced pages. Papers that satisfy the college's graduation writing requirement, flexible writing requirement or law journal requirements can fulfill this certificate requirement, including as part of seminar courses among the elective courses.

Each student must earn a cumulative average grade of at least 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") for courses taken to satisfy the substantive requirements of the health law and policy certificate. A student also must earn a minimum grade of "B" in any course applied toward the certificate.

Admission requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law.

Applicants must be existing JD or LLM students who are currently enrolled in coursework and in good academic standing with the ASU College of Law. Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program or a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

All applicants must submit:

1. admission application for the certificate program through Law Interactive*
2. proof of English proficiency

*Students should refer to the [ASU Law website](#).

Additional Application Information

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide [proof of English proficiency](#) regardless of current residency.

International students who need an F-1 or J-1 visa need to apply to and be accepted into a graduate degree program prior to being considered for the certificate program. International students residing in the United States on other types of visas must adhere to all Graduate College policies and procedures regarding admission to be considered for admission to this certificate program.

Further specific requirements for admission to the certificate program can be found on the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law website.

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Career opportunities

ASU JD, LLM and MLS students concentrating in health law and policy are finding career placements across the United States in an array of positions from diverse employers. Among the opportunities are employment with:

- government agencies at all levels
- health care entities
- health insurers
- law firms
- policy think tanks and academic institutions

For more information, students should consult the career services office, and check out the listing of prominent health law alums and their current positions on the [Center for Public Health Law and Policy website](#).

Contact information

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