In an era of major legal and policy reforms in health care and public health, you need to be able to recognize, assess and solve issues of law, ethics and policy involving the health of individuals and populations. ASU Law offers you a diverse range of health law-related courses and this health law and policy certificate.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: Certificate Health Law and Policy (Certificate)

The health law and policy graduate certificate program in ASU’s Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law is a pivotal step to a health law career. The certificate is designed to immerse students in multiple areas of health law and policy, broadening their knowledge and skills in preparation for applied practice.

At a Glance

• College/School: Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law

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 research is focused predominantly on health-related topics

The student must write a substantial paper on a health or public health law topic of at least 15 single-spaced pages and under guidance of a College of Law faculty member. Papers satisfying the college's Graduation Writing Requirement or 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 a "B-" for 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 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 be existing JD or LLM students who are currently enrolled in coursework and in good academic standing with the ASU College of Law.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (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. Students should refer to the College of Law website.
2. proof of English proficiency
Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.

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

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