

**HEALTH LAW CERTIFICATE PROGRAM  
PUBLIC HEALTH LAW TRACK  
REQUIREMENTS**

The Health Law Certificate Program is intended to give students interested in health law a basic grounding in the field, complemented by clinical experience and more in-depth study of advanced topics and closely related areas of law. Students are expected and encouraged to obtain the same broad background in law expected of all graduates for the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. Students must elect to enter the Program by the beginning of their second year of law school. Only in rare situations (such as when a student is in the Flex Program or a joint degree program) will exceptions be made.

**Core Courses (required)**

Administrative Law	3 credits	Luneburg	Spring	Required 2d or 3d year
Current Issues in Health Law I	1 credit	Meisel	Fall & Spring	Required Fall & Spring 2d year
Current Issues in Health Law II	1 credit	Meisel	Fall & Spring	Required Fall & Spring 3d year
Environmental Law and Practice I or II	3 credits	Collins	Fall	Required 2d or 3d year
Health Law & Policy	3 credits	Meisel	Fall	Required Fall 2d year
Public Health Law	3 credits	Morris-Chatta	Spring	Required Spring 2d year

**Required Electives (register for at least two):** Descriptions for these courses may be found at [www.publichealth.pitt.edu/interior.php?pageID=124](http://www.publichealth.pitt.edu/interior.php?pageID=124)

Essentials of Public Health	3 credits	Pubhlt 2011	Spring
Introduction to Statistical Methods I	3 credits	Biost 2041	Summer & Fall
Principles of Epidemiology	3 credits	Epid 2110	Fall

**Clinical Experience (register for at least one)**

Civil Practice Clinic (Elder Law)	7 credits	Mannix	Fall & Spring
Civil Practice Clinic (Health)	7 credits	Smetanka	Fall & Spring
Environmental Law Clinic	7 credits	Collins	Fall & Spring
Externship	4 credits	arrange with Program Director	2d or 3d year or Summer

**Suggested Electives (registration for these courses is optional)**

Bioethics & Law	3 credits	Meisel	Spring
Bioethics & Law Clinical Practicum	3 credits	Meisel	Summer
Biomedical Technology Law	3 credits	Harper	Spring
Biotechnology Law	2 credits	Black	Fall
Business Planning, Entrepreneurship & Technology <sup>§</sup>	2 credits	Harper	Fall
Civil Practice Clinic (Elder Law)*	7 credits	Mannix	Fall & Spring
Civil Practice Clinic (Health)*	7 credits	Smetanka	Fall & Spring
Disability Law	2 credits	Hornack	Spring
Elder Law	3 credits	Frolik	(Not offered 09-10)
Emergency Preparedness Law	2 credits	Sweeney	Summer (GSPH)
Employee Benefits	3 credits	Frolik	Fall
Food and Drug Law	1 credit	Greenberg	Spring
Global Health and Human Rights Seminar	3 credits	Barnard	Spring
Global Health Policy & Development	3 credits	Rabindran	Spring (GSPIA)
Health Care Antitrust**	1 credit	Newton	Spring
Health Care Business Transactions & Finance	3 credits	Harper	Spring
Health Care & Civil Rights Seminar	3 credits	Crossley	(Not offered 09-10)
Health Care Fraud & Abuse**§	1 credit	Boyle	Spring
Health Law Moot Court*	1 credit	Smetanka	Fall
Health Law Practicum*	4 credits	Smetanka	Spring
Information Privacy Law Seminar	3 credits	Pike	(Not offered 09-10)
International Human Rights Law	3 credits	Rist	(Not offered 09-10)
Journal of Envir and Public Health Law***	1 credit		Fall & Spring
New Reproductive Practices Seminar	3 credits	Schiff	(Not offered 09-10)
Nonprofit Tax Exempt Organizations	2 credits	Lieber	Spring
Reproduction, Sexuality and the Law	2 credits	Frietsch	Spring

\* If used to satisfy Clinical requirement, may not be used to satisfy Elective requirement.

\*\* Counts as one-half course for purposes of satisfying required number of electives.

\*\*\*Counts as one course if two or more semester's credit; count as one-half course if one semester's credit.

§ If used to satisfy the required elective requirement, may not be used to satisfy this requirement.

**Writing Requirement**

All students at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law must satisfy the Faculty Supervised Writing Requirement (including students who are members of a law journal). For a full explanation of this requirement, consult the Student Handbook. Students in the Public Health Track of the Health Law Certificate Program must satisfy it by writing on a topic in public health law, using any course, clinic, seminar or practicum which may be used in satisfaction of this requirement. (Courses taught by adjunct professors ordinarily may *not* be used.) Prior approval of the topic by the HLCP Director is required prior to the paper's being written, in addition to approval by the course instructor. *This requirement may be satisfied by an independent study only with prior permission of the HLCP Director which will be given only in extraordinary cases.*

**Recordkeeping**

The HLC Program Office keeps track of your fulfillment of requirements and periodically notifies you of your status. However, you are ultimately responsible for knowing whether or not you have met all the program requirements in a timely fashion.