Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (LP41)

Year offered: 2010
Admissions: Yes
CRICOS code: 009034F
Course duration (full-time): Full-time mode - 24 weeks full-time
Course duration (part-time): Part-time (in-practice) mode 34 weeks
Course duration (external): Part-time (general) mode 38 weeks part-time
Domestic fees (indicative): 2010: Full fee tuition $9,300 (based on 7 units)
International Fees (indicative): 2010: $19,000 (based on 7 units)
Domestic Entry: January and June (F/T) January, March, July (P/T)
International Entry: January and June
Total credit points: 96
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Campus: Gardens Point

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Overview
The course provides you with the knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes that you will need to become a competent entry-level legal practitioner.

Entry requirements
An approved degree in law; that is, a degree that satisfies Queensland admission requirements for legal practitioners. Students with one Bachelor of Law unit left to complete may also apply. The Course is offered in 3 modes: full-time; part-time (general); part-time (in practice) - available to persons who are working in approved laws firms or government legal offices.

Professional Recognition
This diploma satisfies the practical training requirements for admission as a legal practitioner in Queensland

Course structure - Full-Time

Summer (January entry students)
LPP112  Work Skills
LPP111  Lawyers' Skills

Semester 1
LPP113  Civil Litigation
LPP114  Commercial
LPP115  Property
LPP116  Electives
LPP117  Interaction
LPP118  Placement

Semester 2 (July entry students)
LPP111  Lawyers' Skills
LPP112  Work Skills
LPP113  Civil Litigation
LPP114  Commercial
LPP115  Property
LPP116  Electives
LPP117  Interaction

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LPP118  Placement

Course structure - Part-time (in-practice)

6TP1 (January entry students)
LPP111  Lawyers' Skills
LPP112  Work Skills

6TP2
LPP113  Civil Litigation
LPP115  Property

6TP4
LPP114  Commercial
LPP116  Electives

6TP2 (March entry students)
LPP111  Lawyers' Skills
LPP112  Work Skills

6TP3
LPP113  Civil Litigation
LPP115  Property

6TP5
LPP114  Commercial
LPP116  Electives

6TP4 (July entry students)
Course structure Part-Time (general)

6TP1 (January entry students)
LPP111 Lawyers' Skills
LPP112 Work Skills

6TP2
LPP113 Civil Litigation
LPP115 Property
LPP117 Interaction

6TP4
LPP111 Lawyers' Skills
LPP112 Work Skills
LPP114 Commercial
LPP116 Electives

6TP6
LPP118 Placement

6TP2 (March entry students)
LPP111 Lawyers' Skills
LPP112 Work Skills

6TP3
LPP113 Civil Litigation
LPP115 Property
LPP117 Interaction

6TP5
LPP114 Commercial
LPP116 Electives

6TP1 (next year)
LPP118 Placement

Potential Careers:
Barrister, Crown Law Officer, In-House Lawyer, Solicitor.

UNIT SYNOPSES

LPP111 LAWYERS' SKILLS
The Law Admissions Consultative Committee considers that 'an entry level lawyer should be able to demonstrate oral communication skills, advocacy skills, negotiation and dispute resolution skills, and letter writing and legal drafting skills'. These skills are introduced in this unit. The intention is that students then seek to develop those skills during the rest of the course and in the workplace.
Antirequisites: LPZ111
Credit points: 12
Contact hours: 8 Day Attendance School
Campus: Gardens Point

LPP112 WORK SKILLS
The Law Admissions Consultative Committee considers that 'an entry level lawyer should be able to manage workload, work habits and work practices in a way that ensures clients' matters are dealt with in a timely and cost-effective manner'. This unit provides students with the basis of those skills and the basics of practical legal problem-solving skills. The intention is that students then seek to develop those skills during the rest of the course and in the workplace.
Antirequisites: LPZ112
Credit points: 12
Contact hours: 8 day Attendance School
Campus: Gardens Point
LPP113 CIVIL LITIGATION
The Law Admissions Consultative Committee considers that ‘an entry level lawyer should be able to conduct civil litigation in first instance matters in courts of general jurisdiction, in a timely and cost-effective manner’. This unit provides students with the basis of that ability in the context of civil litigation in a state court.

**Antirequisites:** LPZ113  **Credit points:** 12  **Contact hours:** 6hrs per week plus online  **Campus:** Gardens Point and External  **Teaching period:** 2010 6TP1, 2010 SEM-1, 2010 6TP2, 2010 6TP3 and 2010 SEM-2

LPP114 COMMERCIAL
The Law Admissions Consultative Committee considers that ‘an entry level lawyer should be able to conduct commercial transactions such as the sale and purchase of a small business...set up standard business structures...provide basic advice on finance and securities...and appreciate the type of advice needed to assess the revenue implications of standard commercial transactions’. This unit provides students with experience in specific commercial transactions of the types described above.

**Antirequisites:** LPZ114  **Credit points:** 12  **Contact hours:** 6 hours per week plus online  **Campus:** Gardens Point and External  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1, 2010 6TP4, 2010 SEM-2 and 2010 6TP5

LPP115 PROPERTY
The Law Admissions Consultative Committee considers that ‘an entry level lawyer should be able to convey, lease and mortgage real property...and provide general advice on land use.’ This unit equips students to do that in selected contexts.

**Antirequisites:** LPZ115  **Credit points:** 12  **Contact hours:** 6 hours per week plus online  **Campus:** Gardens Point and External  **Teaching period:** 2010 6TP1, 2010 SEM-1, 2010 6TP2, 2010 6TP3 and 2010 SEM-2

LPP116 ELECTIVES
The Law Admissions Consultative Committee considers that entry level lawyers should have experience in two areas of practice, administrative law practice, criminal law or family practice AND one of either wills and estates, planning and environment, employment and industrial relations, or consumer law practice. This unit provides students with experience in their choice of one area from each list.

**Antirequisites:** LPZ116  **Credit points:** 12  **Contact hours:** 6 hrs per week plus online  **Campus:** Gardens Point and External  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1, 2010 SEM-2, 2010 6TP4, 2010 SEM-2 and 2010 6TP5

LPP117 INTERACTION
This unit is designed for law graduates who are completing the Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice for the purpose of becoming admitted as a legal practitioner and who are not working in law offices while they are doing the course. The unit seeks to further develop students’ communication, advocacy, interviewing and work management skills where they do not have the opportunity to develop those skills in a real life law office.

**Antirequisites:** LPZ117  **Credit points:** 12  **Contact hours:** 6 hours per week, online plus 2 days  **Campus:** Gardens Point and External  **Teaching period:** 2010 6TP1, 2010 SEM-1, 2010 6TP2, 2010 6TP3 and 2010 SEM-2

LPP118 PLACEMENT
The Law Admissions Consultative Committee considers that every entry level lawyer should have experience in a law office before being admitted. This unit provides four weeks experience in a law office to satisfy legal practitioner admission requirements.

**Antirequisites:** LPZ118  **Credit points:** 12  **Contact hours:** 40 hrs per week  **Campus:** External  **Teaching period:** 2010 SEM-1, 2010 SEM-2, 2010 6TP6 and 2010 SUM