Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (LP41)

Year offered: 2011
Admissions: Yes
CRICOS code: 009034F
Course duration (full-time): Full-time mode - 24 weeks
Course duration (part-time): Part-time (in-practice) mode - 34 weeks
Course duration (external): Part-time (general) mode - 38 weeks
Domestic Fees (indicative): 2011: Full fee tuition $9,576 (based on 7 units)
International Fees (indicative): 2011: $19,500 (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
Course coordinator: Dr Allan Chay, Director Legal Practice
Campus: Gardens Point

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)
LPP111 Lawyers’ Skills
LPP112 Work 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

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)
LPP111 Lawyers’ Skills
LPP112 Work Skills

6TP5
LPP114 Commercial
LPP116 Electives

6TP1 (Next year)
LPP113 Civil Litigation
LPP115 Property

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

6TP4 (July entry students)
LPP111 Lawyers’ Skills
LPP112 Work Skills

6TP1 (next year)
LPP113 Civil Litigation
LPP115 Property
LPP117 Interaction

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 Teaching period: 2011 6TP1, 2011 6TP2, 2011 6TP4 and 2011 SEM-2

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 Teaching period: 2010 SUM-2, 2010 6TP1, 2010 6TP2, 2010 6TP4 and 2010 SEM-2

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 transacations 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:** 2011 SEM-1, 2011 6TP4, 2011 SEM-2 and 2011 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:** 2011 6TP1, 2011 SEM-1, 2011 6TP2, 2011 6TP3 and 2011 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:** 2011 SEM-1, 2011 6TP4, 2011 SEM-2 and 2011 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:** 2011 6TP1, 2011 SEM-1, 2011 6TP2, 2011 6TP3 and 2011 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:** 2011 SEM-1, 2011 SEM-2, 2011 6TP6 and 2011 SUM