Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (LP41)

Year offered: 2013
Admissions: Yes
CRICOS code: 009034F
Course duration (full-time): 24 weeks
Course duration (part-time): 34 and 38 weeks
Domestic Fees (indicative): 2013: $10,080 (indicative) full course based on 7 units
Student Services and Amenities Fee
You'll need to pay the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) as part of your course costs. More information on the SSAF - http://www.student.qut.edu.au/fees-and-finances/study-costs/fee-schedule/table-1-student-services-and-amenities-fee

Start month: January, March, June, July
Deferment allowed: No
Total credit points: 96
Course coordinator: Dr Allan Chay, Director Legal Practice
Discipline coordinator: Associate Professor Allan Chay
Campus: Gardens Point
Attendance: Part-time, Full-time
Additional Requirements:

An approved degree in law; that is, a degree that satisfies Queensland admission requirements for legal practitioners.

Eligibility for entry

To be eligible for a place in the Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (the course):
1. you must have completed an approved degree in law by the date the course commences; or
2. you must be currently studying an approved degree in law and, by the date the course commences, expect to have no more than two units of study remaining to fulfil the requirements of the degree.

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.

For more information on Queensland admission requirements, please refer to the Queensland Law Society website.

Course highlights

- Complete the practical legal training (PLT) requirements to be admitted to the legal profession.
- Flexible study options including full-time or part-time online study. (Full time study only for international students)
- Receive credit for workplace learning if you are already working in an approved law office.
- Includes a 4 week placement in a law office, which we find for you if you do not already work in one.

Details:
The Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice provides you with the practical legal training (PLT) knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes that you need to become a competent entry-level legal practitioner. The course is available in full-time, internal mode and part-time, online mode. The course is designed to comply with the Law Admissions Consultative Council’s Competency Standards for entry-level lawyers and is approved by the Queensland Legal Practitioners Admissions Board. It is available in full-time, internal mode and part-time, online mode.

Professional recognition
The course satisfies the practical training requirements for admission to the legal profession in Queensland.

Course dates and units
For detailed information on dates, units and modes, see the units tab.

Structures and Units
Expand the structures below to view detailed information on dates, units, and modes.

Course structure - Full-Time

6TP1 (January 2013 entry students)

| Dates: 7 Jan - 22 Feb (6 weeks) |
| These units involve a compulsory attendance week: Monday 4 February - Friday 8 February 2013 |
| LPP111 | Lawyers' Skills |
| LPP112 | Work Skills |

6TP2

| Dates: 25 Feb - 31 May, Break: 1 - 5 April |
| These units are offered both on-campus and off-campus (online). |
LPP113  Civilization
LPP114  Commercial
LPP115  Property
LPP116  Electives
LPP117  Interaction

6TP4

Dates: 3 Jun - 28 Jun
This is a 4 week placement in a law office.

LPP118  Placement

6TP4 (June 2013 entry students)

Dates: 24 Jun - 2 Aug
These units involve a compulsory attendance

week: Monday 8 July - Friday 12 July

LPP111  Lawyers' Skills
LPP112  Work Skills

6TP5

Dates: 5 Aug - 8 Nov, Break: 23 Sept - 27 Sept
These units are offered both on-campus and
off-campus (online).

LPP113  Civilization
LPP114  Commercial
LPP115  Property
LPP116  Electives
LPP117  Interaction

6TP6

Dates: 11 Nov - 6 Dec 2013
This is a 4 week work placement in a law
office.

LPP118  Placement

Course structure-Part-time (in-practice)

6TP1 (January 2013 entry students)

Dates: 7 Jan - 15 Feb
These units involve a compulsory attendance

week: Monday 4 Feb - Friday 8 Feb

LPP111  Lawyers' Skills
LPP112  Work Skills

6TP2

Dates: 25 Feb - 31 May, Break 1 Apr - 5 Apr

LPP113  Civilization
LPP115  Property

6TP4

Dates: 8 Jul - 11 Oct, Break 26 - 30 Aug
These units are taught online.

LPP114  Commercial
LPP116  Electives

6TP2 (March 2013 entry students)

Dates: 25 Feb - 5 Apr
These units involve a compulsory attendance

week: Mon 18 March - 22 March

LPP111  Lawyers' Skills
LPP112  Work Skills

6TP3

Dates: 8 Apr - 5 Jul
These units are taught online.

LPP113  Civilization
LPP115  Property

6TP5

Dates: 8 Jul - 11 Oct, Break 26 - 30 Aug
These units are taught online.

LPP114  Commercial
LPP116  Electives

6TP4 (July 2013 entry students)

Dates: 24 Jun - 2 Aug
These units involve a compulsory attendance

week: Mon 8 - Friday 12 July

LPP111  Lawyers' Skills
LPP112  Work Skills

6TP1 (2014)

Dates: 20 Jan - 2 May 2014 (tentative)
These units are taught online.
LPP113 Civil Litigation
LPP115 Property

Course structure Part-Time (general)

6TP1 (January 2013 entry students)
- Dates: 7 Jan - 15 Feb
- These units involve a compulsory attendance week: Mon 4 Feb - Friday 8 Feb
LPP111 Lawyers’ Skills
LPP112 Work Skills

6TP2
- Dates: 25 Feb - 31 May, Break 1 Apr - 5 Apr
- These units are taught online.
LPP113 Civil Litigation
LPP115 Property
LPP117 Interaction

6TP4
- Dates: 8 Jul - 11 Oct, Break 26 Aug - 30 Aug
- These units are taught online.
LPP111 Lawyers’ Skills
LPP112 Work Skills
LPP114 Commercial
LPP116 Electives

6TP5
- Dates: 8 Jul - 11 Oct
- These units are taught online.
LPP114 Commercial
LPP116 Electives

6TP6
- Dates: 8 Jul - 11 Oct
- These units involve a compulsory attendance week: Mon 4 Feb - Friday 8 Feb
LPP111 Lawyers’ Skills
LPP112 Work Skills
LPP114 Commercial
LPP116 Electives

6TP5
- Dates: 21 Oct - 15 Nov
- This is a 4 week work placement in a law office.
LPP118 Placement

6TP4 (July 2013 entry students)
- Dates: 24 Jun - 2 Aug
- These units involve a compulsory attendance week: Monday 8 - Friday 12 July
LPP111 Lawyers’ Skills
LPP112 Work Skills
LPP114 Commercial
LPP116 Electives

6TP5
- Dates: 5 Aug - 8 Nov, Break: 23 Sep - 27 Sep
- These units are taught online.
LPP114 Commercial
LPP116 Electives

6TP1 (2014)
- Dates: 20 Jan - 2 May 2014 (tentative)
- These units are taught online.
LPP113 Civil Litigation
LPP115 Property
LPP117 Interaction

6TP3 (2014)
- Dates: 5 May - 29 May
- This is a 4 week work placement in a law office.
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: LPZ115  Credit points: 12  Contact hours: 6 hours per week plus online  Campus: Gardens Point  Teaching period: 2013 6TP1, 2013 6TP2 and 2013 6TP4

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: 2013 6TP2, 2013 6TP4 and 2013 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: 2013 6TP1, 2013 6TP2, 2013 6TP3 and 2013 6TP5

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: 2013 6TP4 and 2013 6TP6