Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice

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| Duration | 24 weeks full time  
34 and 38 weeks part time |
| Total credit points | 96 |

| Domestic fee (indicative, subject to annual review) | 2020: Either $13,200 full course based on seven units (we do not charge you for our placement unit) or $11,300 if you are eligible for advanced standing for our Interaction unit based on your past or current work place experience  
2019: Either $12,600 full course based on seven units (we do not charge you for our placement unit) or $10,800 if you are eligible for advanced standing for our Interaction unit based on your past or current work place experience |
| Course contact | askqut@qut.edu.au  
313B 2000 |
| Campus | Gardens Point |
| Start months | August, July, February, January  
January and July for full-time, on campus; January, February, July and August for full-time and part-time external. |

You’ll learn by working on simulated legal problems and tasks - the type of work that lawyers undertake in real world workplaces:
- draft legal documents
- write legal letters
- carry out the steps in property, litigation and commercial transactions and proceedings.

You can study two elective modules from a choice of criminal, administrative, family law practice, wills and estates, planning and environment, employment and industrial relations, consumer law and banking and finance.

We do not have exams. Our assessment reflects the tasks that lawyers do in real-life. Throughout the course you’ll build a portfolio of practical know-how and our time management and productivity resources will help you to deal with the challenges of real-life legal practice.

We arrange your four-week work placement (unless you are eligible for credit because you work in a legal office in private practice, government, the community sector or in-house). Our employment register is also available to assist you in your search for end-of-course employment.

Why choose this course?
The Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice provides you with the practical legal training (PLT) that you need for admission to the legal profession in Australia.

The course will equip you with the knowledge and practical skills you'll need to meet the challenges of modern real-life legal practice. Learn by doing the tasks that lawyers do in real life, with the support of staff who have practised law as solicitors or barristers.

Get hands-on experience as part of your course with a 4-week placement in a law office.

You can start QUT's Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice with two units of study left in your undergraduate law degree with the permission of the Legal Practitioners Admissions Board. Neither of these can be 'Priestley' units. Contact us to find out more about Priestley units and obtaining the Board's permission.

Annie Wang  
Helping you succeed

I was taught by legal practitioners, Barristers and academic staff. The advocacy assessment, for example, was overseen by Barristers in a mock trial setting. The lecturers and support staff were always available to answer questions. It was clear from day one that the course co-ordinators and support staff truly cared about the students and wanted us to succeed in our legal careers.
**Flexible delivery**
We offer our full-time program on-campus and external (online). We offer part-time programs online. International students may only enrol in full-time courses on campus.

The part-time course consists of five attendance days with the remainder of the course online (LPP117 Interaction and some elective choices involve a one-day attendance requirement either on campus or by video link). If you’re already working in a private or government law office you may be eligible to enrol in the part-time (in-practice) mode, and to apply for credit for the work placement unit and LPP117 Interaction.

QUT’s part-time (general) course is for people who wish to study part-time online but who are not working in law offices. The part-time course includes five attendance days with the balance of the course online (although some elective choices and LPP117 Interaction involve a one-day attendance or video link session).

**Entry requirements**

**Academic entry requirements**
A completed recognised bachelor degree (or higher award) (or equivalent study in law) which is approved for admission to the Australian legal profession; or
Currently studying for such a degree, award or equivalent with no more than two units to complete by the date the course commences and neither of those units is a unit commonly known as the “Priestly 11”; and
You have the permission of the Queensland Legal Practitioners Admissions Board to commence the Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice while you complete those units.

**Additional entry information**
Applicants with overseas qualifications need to apply to the Legal Practitioners Admissions Board (LPAB) (Queensland) prior to QUT making its assessment. Students need to submit the LPAB letter to QUT.

**Course structure**

Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice consists of eight (8) units totalling 96 credit points. Students must complete all eight (8) units.

(Standard QUT Advanced Standing arrangements apply)

**Careers and outcomes**

Upon completion of practical legal training, graduates can apply for admission to the Australian legal profession and may become eligible to apply for the restricted ‘employee’ practising certificate (solicitors) once you have gained employment in a law firm. To obtain an unrestricted practising certificate (law firm principal), legal practitioners then complete supervised legal practice (two years) and the Law Society Practice Management Course.

Admitted lawyers who wish to practise as barristers in Queensland then complete a bar practice exams and the bar practice course to obtain the barrister’s practising certificate (barristers).

**Professional recognition**

The course is approved by the Queensland Legal Practitioners Admissions Board as satisfying the practical legal training requirements for admission to the legal profession in Queensland.

**Fees**

**FEE-HELP**
You may be eligible for FEE-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your course fees, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the FEE-HELP information.

**Student Services and Amenities**

**Fee**
You’ll need to pay the student services and amenities fee as part of your course costs. You may be eligible for SA-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your student services and amenities fee, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the SA-HELP information.