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.
Entry requirements

Academic entry requirements

Applicants with Australian law qualifications

A completed bachelor degree, 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.

Applicants with overseas law qualifications

A recognised completed bachelor degree, higher award or equivalent study in law, which is approved for admission to the Australian legal profession.

Applicants with law degrees completed overseas will need to have their degree assessed by the Legal Practitioners Admission Board (LPAB) in Queensland before applying to QUT. Please refer to the instructions on the Queensland Law Society website.

The LPAB will assess your qualification and provide you a letter outlining the law undergraduate/Priestly 11 units you must study prior to commencing LP41 Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice. You must include this letter with your application to study at QUT.

International students wishing to study in Australia, will receive a package offer with U096 International Transfer Year or U084 International Transfer Semester depending on the number of units the LPAB has identified you must study.

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Minimum English requirements

Students must meet the English proficiency requirements.

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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).