

Health Law Certificate

The University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law offers a large and growing curriculum to JD students interested in pursuing health law. Students are provided with a range of course options that cover foundational knowledge, ethical training, and real-world scenarios taught by leading practitioners in the field.

JD students may pursue a Health Law Certificate through completing the below required coursework and co-curricular activities listed in this document, including eighteen credit units and a substantial paper.

Alternatively, JD students may pursue a [Certificate in Health Law and Policy](#) in one of four specialties, including [Regulatory Science](#), [Health Law for Health Professionals](#), [Aging Law & Policy](#), or [Health Information Privacy, Compliance & Data Security](#).

These Certificates are each composed of four courses (12 credit units) and are taught online over 6 to 7.5 week term periods throughout the year. Interested students should fill out this [form](#) to register. If any questions, then please contact law-healthcare@arizona.edu.

JD students must complete the following requirements to receive a Health Law Certificate:

I. EIGHTEEN CREDIT UNITS OF DESIGNATED HEALTH LAW COURSES

Student must take and obtain a grade average of 2.75 or better in a minimum of eighteen credit hours in designated health law courses. There are 12 hours of required courses, and six hours of electives.

Note: Law 654/654A and 654B may not be available if there is inadequate enrollment. There is a possibility that alternatives, such as independent study under the Health Law Certificate Program Director and/or approval of like courses could cure any such problem, but these are pursuant to prior approval by the Program Director, Professor Roy Spece.

A. Required (12 credits):

- LAW 610 - Health Care Finance & Regulation
- LAW 654/654A - Bioethics and Law
- LAW 654B - Health Care Litigation: Representation of Individuals & Entities
- LAW 608A - Public Health Law and Ethics

B. Electives (6 or more credits):

Electives in Regulatory Science

LAW 575A - Clinical Research Ethics

LAW 576A - Drug Discovery, Development, and in the Market

LAW 577A - Development and Innovation: Biologics, Devices, and Diagnostics

LAW 589A - Regulatory Science Case Study Project
LAW 695D - Regulatory Science Colloquium
LAW 588A - Translational Pathways for Medical Devices
LAW 590A - Access to Investigational Medical Products (drugs)
LAW 575D – Leadership & Equity in the Life Sciences

Electives in Health Law for Health Professionals

LAW 579B - Legal and Regulatory Fundamentals for Health Care Business
LAW 578A - Legal and Regulatory Aspects for Health Care Delivery
LAW 580A - Liability and Regulation of Health Professionals
LAW 515 - Healthcare Ethics

Electives in Aging Law & Policy

LAW 584C - Technology and Aging: Legal and Ethical Developments
LAW 584D - Aging and the Law
LAW 584A - Aging in America
LAW 584B - Aging and Social Justice

Electives in Health Information Privacy, Compliance & Data Security

LAW 580C – Health Information Technology
LAW 580 – Introduction to Privacy
LAW 580B – Data Privacy & Cybersecurity in Healthcare

Additional elective options at the College of Law

LAW 618 - Antitrust
LAW 621 - Administrative Law
LAW 616 – Business Organizations
LAW 614 - Disability Law
LAW 695M - ERISA and Employee Benefits
LAW 692A - Information Privacy
LAW 635 - Insurance Law
LAW 655R - Intellectual Property
LAW 652A- Formation and Taxation of Non-Profit Organizations
LAW 655C - Patent Law
LAW 641B - Poverty, Health and Law

Students may take electives from other UA colleges and schools, but only to the extent that they are offered and open to law students:

CPH 565 - Public Health Advocacy
CPH 570 - Issues and Trends in Public Health
CPH 574 - Public Health Policy and Management
CPH 593A - Public Health
PA 523 - Critical Issues in Health Care Organization, Management, and Policy
PA 531 - The US Health Care System and Health Care Policy

PA 538 - Health Care Organization and Management
PA 565 - Public Health Advocacy
MGMT 538 - Health Care Organization and Management
MGMT 548 - Health Care Entrepreneurship
ECON 527A/B - Current Topics in Health Care Economics and Policy

In addition, to satisfy the elective requirement, students may take health-related externships, or any other course, with prior approval by the Program Director.

II. SUBSTANTIAL PAPER

Students must submit a health law paper to be reviewed and approved by the Health Law Certificate Program Director. Papers completed for a health law course (taken for the substantial paper component), directed research (independent study under the supervision of a faculty member), or journal note/comment will fulfill this requirement.

The Program Director is John D. Lyons Professor of Law Roy Spece. Professor Tara Sklar is also available to advise.

