

## **Law & Health Care Program (L&HCP) Concentration in Health Law**

Established in 1983, the Law and Health Care Program (L&HCP) is an interdisciplinary program at the University of Maryland School of Law that combines education and research on emerging medical, health policy and legal issues. The L&HCP offers law students the opportunity to earn a Certificate in Health Law by meeting the requirements of the Concentration in Health Law. The 17- credit certificate requirements include a classroom component, an experiential learning component, and a writing requirement.

The experiential (or practice-based) learning requirement of the Health Law Certificate Program can be met through a health law externship or clinic. Both of these experiences offer students the opportunity to practice health law in a “real life” setting. Through the Health Law Externship Program, students work for academic credit in one of many health law practice settings under the supervision of a health law attorney. The Clinical Law Program allows students to represent individuals or community groups with health law-related legal issues under the supervision of a faculty member.

### **I. Suggested Course Progression for Law & Health Care Students:**

Students interested in taking full advantage of L&HCP offerings should consider taking Health Care Law & Policy in the second semester of their first year or during their second year. This is the foundation course for upper level seminars and course offerings. Students can begin taking health law and related courses and seminars in their second year and add additional courses/seminars during their third and/or fourth years. Students are also encouraged to enroll in a health law clinic and/or health law practicum/externship and the Health Law Practice Workshop during their second or third year (day) or third or fourth year (evening). Administrative Law is a suggested background course and will apply toward the Health Care Law Certificate total credit requirement. Finally, to complement their law school experience, students are also permitted to pursue courses of interest in the other UM health professional and graduate programs.

Requirements for completion of the Certificate in Health Law are included as attachment #1.

### **II. Other Law School Courses (Fall and/or Spring)**

**Environmental Law Seminars:** Some Environmental Law Seminars may qualify for the Health Law Certificate. Please check with Virginia Rowthorn before enrolling.

**The Intellectual Property Practicum:** Placements associated with this practicum may satisfy the experiential component of the Health Law Certificate if the placement relates to health law, e.g., genetics or biotechnology. Please see Virginia Rowthorn for approval before enrolling.

### **III. Other Opportunities**

**Health Law Practicum/Externship Program (2-13)** - Health Law Practicum/Externships allow a student to gain experience and credit toward a JD degree by spending several hours a week at one of the organizations. Current placements are listed under the Practice-Based Learning Tab on the Health Law Program homepage. Please note – all students taking health law practicum and externships **must** take the 2-credit Health Law Workshop during or after their practicum or externship. The only possible exception is for 3Ds or 4Es doing an externship in their last semester.

**Student Health Law Organization** - The Student Health Law Organization (SHLO) sponsors a variety of events and is involved in the development of the Law and Health Care Program. SHLO holds an annual Health Law Career Fair and brings a variety of speakers to the school to speak on health law issues.

**Journal of Health Care Law & Policy (1-2)** - This biannual journal focuses on a variety of legal and policy issues relating to health care. Topics of some issues are based on the proceedings of L&HCP conferences.

#### **Joint Degree/Courses in Other Schools –**

**JD/MPH:** The Law & Health Care Program currently has two available joint degree opportunities for students interested in pursuing a Master of Public Health (MPH) Program – the MPH Program based in the Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and the 11-month MPH program at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

**JD/Ph.D (Policy Sciences):** The Law and Policy Sciences program recognizes that a knowledge of legal and social science, literature, combined with the analytical tools from both fields, is strong preparation for careers in teaching, legislative analysis, or policy positions. The law school will accept nine credits from the policy sciences Ph.D. program and the University of Maryland Graduate School Baltimore, normally will accept 12 or 15 credits from the law school J.D. program.

We hope this information is helpful. For more information on any of the topics noted above, please feel free to contact Virginia Rowthorn, Managing Director at [vrowthorn@law.umaryland.edu](mailto:vrowthorn@law.umaryland.edu) if you have questions.

For more information, visit our web page:

**<http://www.law.umaryland.edu/programs/health/concentration.html>**

**Completion of Requirements for  
Certificate in Health Law**

Please complete and submit to Virginia Rowthorn in the Law & Health Care Program Office, Room 249. You must submit this form before the add/drop date of your final law school semester. It is recommended that you meet with Virginia Rowthorn, Coordinator of the Law & Health Care Program, during the fall semester of your last year of law school to ensure that your selected courses will meet the Certificate requirements. If you have questions or concerns regarding the completion of a Certificate in Health Law, please feel free to contact Virginia Rowthorn via email, [vrowthorn@law.umaryland.edu](mailto:vrowthorn@law.umaryland.edu) or telephone at 410-706-5369.

**Student Name:**

**Address:**

**Telephone/Email:**

**Anticipated Graduation Date:**

<b>I. Classroom Component</b> (at least 6 credits required)	<b>Semester /Year</b>	<b>Professor</b>	<b>Credits Applied Toward Certificate</b>
Health Care Law & Policy			3
Other courses/seminars: <u>Please list the title of the course below.</u> (Note: independent written work done on a health law topic can be included)			
<b>II. Experiential Component</b> (at least 3 credits required)			
Civil Rights Clinic-Access to Health Care (also satisfies Cardin requirement)			

Civil Rights of Persons with Disabilities Clinic (also satisfies the Cardin requirement)			
Drug Policy Clinic (also satisfies the Cardin requirement)			
Health Care Delivery and Child Welfare Clinic: The AIDS Epidemic (also satisfies the Cardin requirement)			
Health Law Externship (maximum of 6 credits can be applied to Certificate)			
Health Law Practicum (2 or 3 credits)			
Tobacco Control Clinic			
Interdisciplinary Practice with Grandparent Families Clinic			
Health Law Workshop <b>(offered only during the fall semester and <u>required</u> when student elects a Health Law Externship or Practicum to satisfy the Experiential Component of the Certificate) (2 credits)</b> <b>NOTE:</b> these 2 credits don't count toward the 3 credits necessary to satisfy the experiential component of the Certificate.			
<b>III. Other: (not required, but may be used to satisfy overall credit requirement)</b>			
Administrative Law (maximum of 3 credits)			
Participation in Journal of Health Care Law & Policy (maximum of 6 credits)			
<b>IV. Research and Writing Component:</b> (Check one and complete attached Health Law Certificate Writing Requirement Form)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Seminar Paper <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Written Work <input type="checkbox"/> Health Law Moot Court			

___ <i>Journal of Health Care Law &amp; Policy</i> ___ Health Law Writing Competition (identify) _____	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS:</b> <b>(17 required)</b>	
<b>Student Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

**Health Law Certificate  
Writing Requirement**

In order to satisfy the *Research and Writing* component of the Health Law Certificate, you must provide confirmation that your project was completed to the satisfaction of your supervising professor or faculty member. **If it is a graded paper, you must receive a grade of B or higher for the paper to count toward the health law certificate.** You must submit a copy of the paper with the grade noted on it along with this form. For non-graded papers, you must submit a copy of the paper along with this form. This form must be completed and submitted to the Virginia Rowthorn in the Law & Health Care Program (L&HCP) office, Room 249. It may be turned in before, but **not later than** the date that the "Certificate in Health Law" form must be submitted (i.e., the same day as the **last add/drop day of your final semester**). It is recommended that you submit this form to the L&HCP as soon as you complete your writing project and receive your grade.

**Student Name:**

**Address:**

**Telephone/Email:**

**Anticipated Graduation Date:**

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**Writing Project Completed in Satisfaction of Health Law Certificate Writing Requirement**

Indicate the *number of credits received* in the space provided.

\_\_\_ ***Seminar Paper***

**HLS Course Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Paper Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**Paper Grade** \_\_\_\_\_

**Professor's Signature\*** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ ***Independent Written Work***

**Paper Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**Paper Grade** \_\_\_\_\_

**Professor's Signature\*** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ ***Health Law Moot Court***

**Paper Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**Professor's Signature\*** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ ***Journal of Health Care Law  
& Policy***

**Paper Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**Director's Signature\*** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ ***Health Law Writing  
Competition (identify)*** \_\_\_\_\_

**Paper Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**Director's Signature\*** \_\_\_\_\_

\*Professor's signature indicates that the student completed the paper in satisfaction of the health law certificate writing requirement. For Journal papers and writing competitions, the Director of the L&HCP must sign this form.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_