

# Health Law Certificate Program Application

The School of Law offers J.D. students the opportunity to specialize in Health Law and to receive a certificate denoting successful completion of their requirements. Students must be admitted into the certificate program by a Health Law advisor and Assistant Dean, must attain a cumulative 3.1 grade point average in all certificate courses, and must work closely with a Health Law faculty advisor. The faculty advisors for the Health Law Certificate Program (HLCP) are Professors Dan Glessner and Christopher Goff.

Students intending to enroll in the HLCP must first meet all eligibility requirements as set forth on page 2, the *Health Law Certificate Course Selection, Tracking and Approval Form*. After eligibility has been established between the student and the faculty, the student must:

- Complete this HLCP application including page 2, with dated signatures
- Obtain admission approval from Assistant Dean of Student Affairs by submitting to Law Student Affairs in the Dean's Office.

An essential aspect of earning a Certificate is the close working relationship between the student and the faculty advisor as part of an enhanced learning experience justifying awarding a Certificate. *Students are encouraged to submit applications to enter certificate programs as early as the second semester of full-time attendance and the fourth semester of part-time attendance.* The earlier a student begins working with a faculty advisor, the better.

A student **shall submit** the certificate application (and course selections approved by the faculty advisor for the certificate) to Law Student Affairs during **February of the second year of law school (full-time) or February of the third year of law school (part-time)**. The faculty advisor for the certificate may waive the deadline only upon determining that the student would be able to fulfill all of the requirements of the program and that the student would be able to work with the faculty advisor to achieve the enhanced learning experience that the program is intended to provide.

Timely submission of the entire application packet is a prerequisite to earning a Health Law Certificate. **Failure to comply with any requirement may result in failure to earn a Certificate.**

Please fill out the following information, see the Health Law faculty advisor for counsel and obtain that advisor's signature approving your application toward admission into a program. **Return this signed application including page 2, the Health Law Certificate Course Selection, Tracking and Approval Form to the dean's office for the Assistant Dean's signature and final approval.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ UA E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_@zips.uakron.edu

Law Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Credit Hours Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Certificate Program Advisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Approval Signature of Assistant Dean of Student Affairs

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**After your application has been reviewed, you will be notified of your admission status via your UA email.**

The Health Law Certificate is awarded concurrently with the Juris Doctor (JD) degree. **Return this completed form with all FINAL signatures to the law school Dean's Office when you have completed the requirements, BUT NO LATER THAN the conclusion of your JD coursework.** We will perform the final audit and request the awarding of your certificate through the Office of the University Registrar.

# Health Law Certificate Course Selection, Tracking and Approval Form

PRINT Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

A student must achieve at least a 3.1 cumulative GPA in all certificate courses, and must work closely with the Health Law faculty advisor.

- Application Signatures - We have met and discussed a curriculum for the Health Law Certificate, and the student understands all the requirements of the certificate detailed below:

Signature of Student	Date	Signature of Health Law Faculty Advisor	Date
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This form with item #1 completed, together with page 1, must be turned in at the law dean’s office for consideration of admission to the certificate program.

- As the student’s Health Law faculty advisor, I verify by signature and date below that the student consulted with me before each registration period:

Fall ____ HL. Fac: _____ Date: _____ Spring ____ HL. Fac: _____ Date: _____		Fall ____ HL. Fac: _____ Date: _____ Spring ____ HL. Fac: _____ Date: _____
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- In order to earn the Health Law Certificate, the following five courses (14.0 credits) plus items numbers 3 and 4 non-course requirements must be satisfied.

Term	Course #	Title	Grade	Credits	Quality Pts.
_____	9200:646	Health Law I	_____	<u>3.0</u>	_____
_____	9200:701	Health Care Org. & Finance	_____	<u>3.0</u>	_____
_____	9200:702	Gov’t Provsn. of Health Care	_____	<u>2.0</u>	_____
_____	9200:703	Bioethics	_____	<u>3.0</u>	_____

- Complete the Externship**

Through Akron Law's Health Law Externship, students will develop practical lawyering skills through live-client and real-life practice experiences in non-profit health care offices. Students also gain greater understanding of the doctrines, substantive laws and context of healthcare. This externship requirement can be waived and the Certificate can be fulfilled by either the completion of an appropriate substitute course or writing requirement at the discretion of the Director of the Public Health Law & Science Center.

_____	9200:704	Health Law Externship	_____	<u>3.0</u>	_____
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- Fulfillment of the certificate program requires achievement of a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.1 in all courses taken to earn the certificate.

- Certificate Requirements Successfully Completed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Health Law Faculty Advisor  Date

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