

RULE XVIII: UNH LAW CERTIFICATES

(amended by faculty 9/3/2015)

To encourage and recognize intensive or specialized study in certain fields, the UNH School of Law awards certificates to qualifying graduates who complete coursework in specified law concentrations.

A. Policies Applicable to all Certificates

The School of Law will award certificates to members of each graduating class as established in, and pursuant to the requirements of, this rule.

Each certificate program established in Part 2 of this rule shall have a Certificate Advisor who shall be a member of the faculty responsible for administering the certificate, advising students seeking the certificate, and approving waivers of the certificate's requirements.

For each certificate, the applicable Certificate Advisor shall maintain a list of qualifying courses satisfying the certificate's requirements, including a list of core courses, and may approve waivers of those requirements for good cause. The Registrar shall maintain these lists on the School of Law's website. The Certificate Advisor is also encouraged to provide sample pathways to complete a certificate or to refer students to related curricular pathways.

The Registrar shall maintain an application form for the use of students wishing to receive a certificate. The form should include space for a student to list the qualifying courses the student has completed or expects to complete and grades the student has received. The form should also include space for the Certificate Advisor to approve waivers of certificate requirements and the Director of Legal Residencies or supervising Clinical Professor to approve credit toward those requirements.

A student who expects to qualify for, and wishes to receive, a certificate must submit a completed certificate application form to the Registrar by the end of the semester before the student expects to graduate, or by any later deadline that the Registrar establishes. The list of qualifying courses that is in effect when the student submits the application form shall govern, subject to waivers approved by the Certificate Advisor. A student who intends to pursue a certificate is also encouraged to discuss these plans with his or her advisor as early as possible.

For any certificate, with the approval of the Director of Legal Residencies or supervising Clinical Professor, up to 3 credits of the coursework requirements may be satisfied by a for-credit legal residency or law-school clinic that aids in the development of skills and experiences relevant to the topic of the certificate.

All certificates require 15 credits of qualifying courses. For J.D. candidates, qualifying courses, other than legal residencies, may not be taken on an S/U basis, and all graded qualifying courses must be completed with grades of B- or better. For

master's-degree candidates, qualifying courses, other than legal residencies, may not be taken on an S/U basis, and at least half of graded qualifying courses counting toward a certificate must be completed with grades of Honors or better.

B. Certificate Programs

1. Franklin Pierce Certificate in Intellectual Property Law

UNH Law awards the Franklin Pierce Certificate in Intellectual Property through the Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property. It is awarded to those granted a UNH J.D. degree and those granted a master's degree.

Certificate Advisor. The Certificate Advisor for the Franklin Pierce Certificate in Intellectual Property Law shall be the Director of the Franklin Pierce Center for Intellectual Property or another faculty member appointed by the Dean.

Academic Requirements. A student wishing to receive the Franklin Pierce Certificate in Intellectual Property must complete 15 credits of qualifying courses relating to intellectual-property law, including core and elective courses as required by the Certificate Advisor.

2. Certificates in Sports and Entertainment Law

UNH Law awards the Certificate in Sports Law and the Certificate in Entertainment Law through the Sports and Entertainment Law Institute. These certificates are awarded only to those granted a UNH J.D. degree. A student may receive each certificate separately.

Certificate Advisor. The Certificate Advisor for the Certificates in Sports and Entertainment Law shall be the Director of the Sports and Entertainment Law Institute or another faculty member appointed by the Dean.

Academic Requirements. A student wishing to receive the Certificate in Sports Law must complete 15 credits of qualifying courses relating to sports and the law, including core and elective courses as required by the Certificate Advisor.

A student wishing to receive the Certificate in Entertainment Law must complete 15 credits of qualifying courses relating to entertainment and the law, including core and elective courses as required by the Certificate Advisor.

In addition to these academic requirements, the faculty of the Institute recommend participation in workshops and events that will be offered periodically by the Institute and a substantial writing project related to sports or entertainment law, either as part of a course or through an independent-study project, IDEA note, or Law Review note.

3. Certificate in Health Law and Policy

UNH Law awards the Certificate in Health Law and Policy through the Health Law and Policy Program. It is awarded only to those granted a UNH J.D. degree.

The Certificate in Health Law and Policy offers students the health-law essentials necessary to practice in the field of health law, and also allows students the ability to emerge with focused strengths in a health-law area of interest during

the selection of optional course credits, legal residencies, capstones or other independent projects.

Certificate Advisor. The Certificate Advisor for the Certificate in Health Law and Policy shall be the UNH Director of Health Law and Policy Programs or another faculty member appointed by the Dean.

Academic Requirements. A student wishing to receive the Certificate in Health Law and Policy must complete 15 credits of qualifying courses relating to health law and policy, including core and elective courses as required by the Certificate Advisor.

4. Certificate in Fiscal Responsibility and the Law

UNH Law awards the Certificate in Fiscal Responsibility and the Law through the Warren B. Rudman Center for Justice, Leadership and Public Policy. It is awarded only to those granted a UNH J.D. degree. The program embraces an interdisciplinary approach to training future lawyers in federal budgeting, spending and policymaking through coursework and practical skills training.

Certificate Advisor. The Certificate Advisor for the Certificate in Fiscal Responsibility and the Law shall be the Director of the Warren B. Rudman Center for Justice, Leadership and Public Policy or another faculty member appointed by the Dean.

Academic Requirements. A student wishing to receive the Certificate in Fiscal Responsibility and the Law must complete 15 credits of qualifying courses relating to fiscal responsibility and the law, including core and elective courses as required by the Certificate Advisor. At least one course must consist of an approved for-credit legal residency or law-school clinic or a graduate-level course, approved by the Certificate Advisor, in management, economics, political science, or public administration.