Education Law and Juvenile Justice Certificate Program

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM

The Howard University School of Law (HUSL) offers an Education Law and Juvenile Justice Certificate to qualified students.

I. PURPOSES AND GOALS

The Education Law and Juvenile Justice Certificate is offered to HUSL students to assist them in developing an interest and expertise in Education Law and Juvenile Justice. The Education Law and Juvenile Justice Certificate Program includes a rigorous academic study of a broad array of Education Law and Juvenile Justice issues; legal research and writing opportunities, including an in-depth research and analysis of a contemporary Education Law and Juvenile Justice problems; and commitment to education-law and juvenile justice related pro bono legal and community services.

Experiential learning is emphasized in courses, as well as in internship and externship placements. The Education Law and Juvenile Justice Certificate that successful candidates receive demonstrates a dedication to the specialty of Education Law.

Specific Learning Goals: Through the Education Law and Juvenile Justice Certificate Program, students will learn the doctrine and skills concerning laws affecting K-12 and adults, including issues affecting children with special needs, First Amendment, the school to prison pipeline and criminal procedure, school funding, and equity.

II. CERTIFICATE CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

As explained in the following sections in greater detail, to obtain the Education Law Certificate, each candidate must:

- Be a graduating third-year student or a student who completed the requirements for the JD program;

- Complete at least 21 credits of approved courses including the Education Law survey course;
- Complete a Legal Writing III paper on an issue that implicates Education Law or Juvenile Justice issue;
- Complete at least one semester or summer placement in an Internship or Externship that is Education Law or Juvenile Justice related or focused;
- Complete at least fifteen hours of Community Service related to students and/or communities;
- Attend a minimum number of Education Law and Juvenile Justice Certificate Program and/or Education Law and Juvenile Justice related events each academic year, as determined by the Education Law Certificate Program Director ("Program Director"), and
- Complete all other Howard University School of Law requirements for the Juris Doctor degree or the joint JD/MBA degrees.

III. PROGRAM ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

To enroll in the Education Law and Juvenile Justice Certificate Program, a candidate must:

Be a student at HUSL in good academic standing;

Complete the Certificate Program Enrollment Form and submit it to the Program Director; and,

Meet with the Program Director to review Certificate Program requirements.

After the Program Director advises interested students about qualifications and eligibility requirements, the student solely is responsible for ensuring that the student has complied with all requirements in a timely manner.

All forms mentioned in this description are posted on the LEXIS site. All Education and Juvenile Justice Law Certificate candidates should register for the LEXIS site to receive up-to-date information.

IV. COURSE, ACTIVITY, AND GRADE REQUIREMENTS

A. General Curricular Requirements

Each Education Law and Juvenile Justice Certificate candidate must satisfy all of the following requirements:

Complete at least twenty-one (21) credit hours of approved Education Law, Juvenile Justice and related courses (courses in which a significant amount of class time is devoted to discussion of Education Law and Juvenile Justice issues). This is a minimum credit requirement. To demonstrate a genuine interest in Education Law and Juvenile Justice and to receive a thorough indoctrination in this subject area, candidates are urged to enroll in as many Education Law and Juvenile Justice courses as possible. In addition, for Bar preparation, candidates are advised to select as many Bar courses from the list of approved courses as possible.

Complete at least one seminar that requires writing a substantive paper (one that satisfies HUSL's Legal Writing III requirements) on a topic that implicates Education Law or juvenile justice issues. Students may satisfy the Legal Writing III requirement for the Education Law and Juvenile Justice Certificate in any seminar that offers Legal Writing III credit, but should consult with the director concerning how the topic will satisfy the Education Law and Juvenile Justice Certificate requirement. Candidates may write their paper on a traditional Education Law or Juvenile Justice topic, but are also encouraged to write interdisciplinary papers on Education Law and Juvenile Justice issues that may arise in a variety of disciplines or areas of law. Candidates may use the Note or Comment that they write for a law review or law journal at HUSL to satisfy this requirement. The Legal Writing III paper must satisfy all existing requirements for Legal Writing III credit.

Complete a legal internship or externship to gain practical experience in Education Law and Juvenile Justice for resume enhancement. A qualified externship or internship will last for at least one semester during an academic term or at least eight weeks during the summer and involve substantial assignments in Education Law or Juvenile Justice. Externships and internships must comply with all other requirements set forth in the HUSL Student Handbook. Suggested externship and internship opportunities will be available to candidates. Candidates are strongly encouraged but not required to receive course credit for the externship or internship.

B. Approved Courses

The following list of approved courses is not exhaustive. It contains Education Law, Juvenile Justice and approved related courses that are offered on a regular basis. The list of courses will evolve as new courses are offered at HUSL, faculty and administrative changes occur, and student needs change.

Approved Courses

Approved Course	Course Number / Code	Source
Required course for the Certificate:		

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Education Law	727	Spring
Additional Approved Bar Courses:		
Agency, Partnership & Unincorporated Business Associations / Business Organizations	769 (Business Organizations); Agency (559)	Fall
Constitutional Law II	621	Fall
Corporations	400	Spring
Family Law	647	Fall
Real Property (Property)	614	Spring
Administrative Law	623	Fall
Criminal Procedure I	642	Fall
Additional Approved Seminar Courses:		
Child, Parent and State (Child, Family & State)	996	Spring
Issues in K-12 School Discipline (Selected Topics in K-12 Discipline)	773	Fall
Workforce Development	925	Spring
Higher Education Law	430	Fall
Employment Law	565	Spring
Employment Discrimination / Equal Employment Opportunity Law	556	Spring
Independent Study	700	Fall
Approved Experiential Courses:		
Child Welfare / Family Justice Clinic	928	Fall
Criminal Justice Clinic	804	Fall
Columbia University CPRL		Fall & Spring
WBG ADR Externship	789	Fall
Moot Court that provides course credit (only Education or Juvenile Justice problem)		
Externship (Education or Juvenile Justice placement)	574, 307, 308	Fall
Advanced Externship (Education or Juvenile Justice placement)	309, 310	Fall
Other Approved Courses:		
Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)	638	Fall
Asylum and Refugee Law		—

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Creditors' and Debtors' Rights and Remedies (Bankruptcy equivalent)	547	Fall
CD: Reentry Clinic	845	Fall
Non-Profit Organizations	420	Spring
Family Law Practice	647	Spring
State and Local Tax	696	Spring
Regulatory State (Legislation & Regulation)	507	Fall
Race, Law & Change	689	Fall
Juvenile Justice	779	Spring
Interviewing, Negotiating & Counseling	683	Spring
Immigration Law	656	Fall
Labor Law	674	Spring
International Human Rights	672	Spring
CD: Technology and the Law	553	Spring
AI & the Law	TBD	Spring
Selected Mini Course (Education or Juvenile Justice Related		

6. Additional Course Offerings:

The Education Law and Juvenile Justice Certificate Program is self-contained. Ample electives that candidates m
requirements within a three-year period are offered. As the HUSL curriculum develops, additional courses may l
requirements. Any additional courses or consortium courses (those offered at pre-approved law schools) must be
Dean of Academic Affairs and the Program Director.

V. COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT

Candidates must complete a total of fifteen (15) hours of community service during their three years of study at HUSL. Candidates may choose any community service project that supports education, families or communities. Service in the legal field is preferred but not required. For these purposes, documented community service will be construed broadly.

This service may be performed in the Washington metropolitan area or anywhere in the United States or in an approved study abroad program or Alternative Spring Break Program.

VI. PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAM AND EDUCATION LAW OR JUVENILE JUSTICE-RELATED EVENTS

Candidates must participate in a minimum number of Education Law and Juvenile Justice Certificate Program and/or Education Law -related events each academic year, as determined by the Program Director. The minimum number of events is 2 (two) per academic year(s) in which the student is enrolled in the Education Law and Juvenile Justice Certificate Program. Events are offered as part of the Education Law and Juvenile Justice Certificate Program. Further, students are encouraged to attend other education-law related events (e.g., workshops, panels, legal trainings) outside of HUSL that could also count towards the minimum participation requirement. Students who are uncertain about whether an event will satisfy the minimum participation requirement should meet and discuss with the Program Director prior to participating.

VII. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must submit the Education Law and Juvenile Justice Certificate Program Application to the Program Director to report that they have fulfilled all requirements. To ensure that they will qualify for an Education Law and Juvenile Justice Certificate upon graduation, third-year candidates should meet with the Program Director at least once as early as possible during the semester that precedes their intended semester of graduation. The following items must accompany the Certificate Application:

1. An Education Law and Juvenile Justice Certificate Program checklist;
2. A certified transcript;
3. The Legal Writing III paper that satisfies HUSL and Education Law and Juvenile Justice Certificate Program requirements;
4. A Completed Externship/Internship Report Form that is signed by the supervising judge or attorney or the School of Law's Director of Experiential Learning or the Columbia University CPRL director or designee;
5. A Community Service Report Form that is signed by the supervisor; and,
6. An Education Law and Juvenile Justice Certificate Program Exit Survey.

Preliminary approval of an Education Law and Juvenile Justice Program Certificate application will be made when the candidate submits the completed packet of graduation documents to the Program Director by the posted deadline. The Program Director will review the documents and preliminarily certify the candidate for an Education Law and Juvenile Justice Certificate. Final approval must be made by the Records Office and the HUSL Faculty.

VIII. PROFICIENCY EXAMINATIONS

Are not required for this Education Law and Juvenile Justice Certificate Program.

IX. OTHER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND PRACTICAL TRAINING

Trainings are typically offered throughout the year. Legal and interdisciplinary projects and educational lectures are offered on campus and off campus. Candidates are encouraged to attend as many of the programs and lectures as possible.

X. GENERAL ACADEMIC POLICIES

A. **Enrollment in Required Courses at HUSL.** Unless a candidate transfers from another law school, the candidate must take all required courses at HUSL or an approved exchange program. Transfer students (students who transfer from another accredited law school to HUSL) who provide documented proof of satisfactory completion of comparable listed courses may apply for an Education Law and Juvenile Justice Certificate if they meet all other qualifications. Such students are encouraged to seek advice from the Program Director regarding their eligibility as soon as possible after enrollment.

B. **Identifying Approved Courses.** Students who are uncertain about whether a course (including seminars) will be approved should meet with the Program Director prior to enrolling in the course.

C. **Grades.** Candidates must earn a grade of at least an 80 in the Education Law survey course and at least a 75 in all other courses that are used to meet Education Law Certificate Program requirements.

D. **Time for Completion of Requirements**. Certificate requirements must be completed before the candidate is graduated from HUSL. At its regular faculty meeting for certifying that HUSL students are qualified for graduation with input from the Records Office and the Program Director, the HUSL faculty will certify that each candidate qualifies for an Education Law and Juvenile Justice Certificate.

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