

ANU Legal Workshop

Your Practical Legal Training Provider

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The ANU Legal Workshop in the Australian National University is Australia's largest university-based legal practice program. We provide Practical Legal Training in the Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (GDLP).

This year, we launched an innovative way of delivering the Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (GDLP). The Professional Practice Core has students operating in virtual firms in the city of Wirreanda, conducting property, commercial and civil transactions (incorporating trust accounting and ethics) with each other and interacting with virtual senior partners, clients, clerks and all the players you would normally find in the legal world. Each firm has a Practice Mentor to guide the firm through the transactions, through legal practice issues (such as time and risk management; work/life balance and dealing with clients) and to facilitate the team working collaboratively and equitably.

Students have to undertake our 5 day "Becoming a Practitioner" (BAP) intensive (held around Australia all through the

year) to learn and practice some basic legal skills before commencing coursework. At this intensive, students meet and work with the members of their virtual firm. This is the only time students have to be on campus. The rest of the program is delivered online.

Legal Practice Experience

Students may do 80, 60, 40 or 20 days of legal practice experience. Students who do more legal practice experience do fewer electives. We approve legal practice experience placements in legal firms, government legal sections, corporations, community legal centres – in all states and overseas as well.

Legal Workshop has partnered with the National Association of Community Legal Centres to place students in CLC's located in rural, regional and remote

locations, or who service those communities.

CLCs in the project service areas around Bourke, Katoomba, Lismore, Windsor, Wyong, Darwin, Goondiwindi, Toowoomba, Mt Gambier, Geelong, Albury/Wodonga, Mildura, Warnambool, Bunbury, Geraldton and Kalgoorlie. Placements are usually from 1 – 4 months and financial assistance of up to \$1500 per student is currently available to assist with travel and accommodation costs.

Concurrent Enrolment

If you want to fast track your studies and get admitted sooner, you may be able to start your GDLP at the ANU after you have done three quarters of your law degree.

Transfer to Masters

After completing the GDLP students can undertake an ANU Masters in Legal Practice with 50% credit or an ANU LLM with 25% credit.

“As always, I cannot thank you enough for ALL your ongoing help. I just wish there were more people and Universities as helpful and forthcoming as you.”

Rory Whitefield, GDLP student

Important Dates

The next 2010 Becoming a Practitioner intensives will be held:

Darwin 21 - 25 June 2010

Sydney and Melbourne 28 June – 2 July 2010

Brisbane and Canberra 5 – 9 July 2010

Canberra 13 – 17

September 201

Townsville, Perth and

Canberra 22 – 26

November 2010

Sydney, Toowoomba and

Geelong 29 November –

3 December 2010

Note: All applications close two weeks before each starting date.