Program Overview

Drake Law School’s Masters of Jurisprudence (MJ) in Health Law is a masters degree designed to expand health care professionals’ understanding of health law and advance their career opportunities.

The 28-credit MJ program can be completed in two years of part-time study. Students have the flexibility to participate online or on campus, with courses offered during the evening and during the day. In addition, students will participate in three on-campus sessions that are conveniently held from Thursday to Sunday.

Each student will work individually with a faculty mentor who guides them through the curriculum and strengthens their overall learning experience.

THE DEGREE

Drake Law School’s MJ in Health Law is designed to help healthcare professionals recognize legal issues and obligations, work more effectively with legal counsel, and better comprehend legal documents and authorities.

CURRICULUM

The MJ in Health Law curriculum includes orientation, existing Drake Law courses, electives, on-campus health law skills seminars, and a capstone project. The skills seminars and capstone project allow students to interact with top health law experts and benefit from Drake Law School’s reputation as a leader in active learning and practical skills development.

Student connectedness and collaboration are promoted through learning communities, both online and in person.

Year 1 Courses

- Orientation/Introduction to Law (1 credit) – Fall
- Health Law & Ethics 1 (3 credits) – Fall
- Torts (4 credits) – Fall
- Health Law & Ethics 2 (3 credits) – Spring
- Administrative Law (3 credits) – Spring
- Skills Seminar 1 (1 credit) – Summer (May)

Year 2 Courses

- Skills Seminar 2 (1 credit) – Summer (August)
- Elective Courses (6 credits) – Fall
- Elective Courses (5 credits) – Spring
- Capstone Project (1 credit) – Summer

CAREER ENHANCEMENT AND ADVANCEMENT

The degree is intended for those who need an understanding of the law, but do not wish to practice law. The Affordable Care Act and numerous other health care regulations have exponentially increased the demand for individuals with specialized knowledge of health care and related laws.

The MJ in health law will provide compliance officers, health care providers, administrators, contract officers, insurers, government officials, consultants and others with an enhanced ability to: recognize legal issues and obligations; comprehend legal documents and authorities; and work effectively with legal counsel.

Students will benefit from a network of diverse classmates, with varied professional experiences.
APPLYING FOR ADMISSION

In the inaugural year, this program is limited to 12 students. The admission application is free. An LSAT is not required for admission.

Applicants to Drake Law School M.J. program must submit the following items:

- Completed application
- Official transcripts
- Statement of purpose
- At least one letter of recommendation (up to three letters will be accepted)

Drake offers rolling admission, therefore, applications will continue to be accepted prior to the start of classes or until the program reaches full capacity.

Application materials and additional information can be found at www.law.drake.edu/academics.

FACULTY

The evidence-based and practical curriculum is taught by experienced professors and exemplary professionals with extensive practical experience. Innovative teaching strategies are used to maximize effective adult learning through realistic skill-building experiences.

Denise Hill is Drake’s Health Law Program Director and Visiting Associate Professor of Health Law.

Professor Hill is a highly experienced instructor who has taught in face-to-face, online, and blended learning formats. Prior to coming to Drake, she served as an Associate Professor at Des Moines University where she was the primary health law professor from 2002 to 2015.

Professor Hill’s innovative use of health law simulations, learning communities and other active learning strategies have been recognized by her selection as the Faculty Member of the year in 2007, 2010, and 2013. Professor Hill received both her JD and MPA degrees from Drake University.

COST

Program costs include a per credit tuition fee of $850 for the 2015-2016 academic year. Students are encouraged to talk to their employers regarding reimbursement for professional programs. Contact the Drake Law Admission Office for additional details.