



Center for Patient Partnerships

Research, Education, Advocacy. Justice.

Health Law and Public Health Law Curriculum & Resource Guide

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Distinguishing the Fields: Health Law vs. Public Health Law

FIELD	Health Law - Business	Health Law - Consumer	Public Health Law
Definition	<i>Law regarding the business and regulation of health systems, products, and actors</i>	<i>Law regarding patients' rights, public benefits, private benefits, elder/long-term care planning</i>	<i>Law regarding the health of populations and communities, including police powers and government/regulatory role</i>
Explanatory Resources	- Law School's Health Law Curriculum Guide Health Law, A Career Guide, 2012 (from Harvard Law)		- The Partnership for Public Health Law: What is Public Health Law? Law and Ethics During a Public Health Crisis
Suggested Courses, Clinics, Externships, Certificates, and Degrees	- Health Law - Insurance Law; ERISA - Antitrust; Mergers & Acquisitions - Business Organizations - Tax - Intellectual Property - Law and Entrepreneurship Clinic - Externships: Health System General Counsel or Risk and Compliance, gov't regulatory agency that oversees health systems/ insurance companies - Certificates: Strategic Innovation - Dual Degrees: Business - Electives: Health Economics, Health Systems	- Insurance Law; ERISA - Elder law - Mental Health Law - LAIP – Compassionate Release Work - Models of System-Level Advocacy - Consumer Law Litigation Clinic - Certificates: Health Advocacy - Dual Degrees: Social Work - Electives: Health systems; Family systems; Aging and the Elderly	- Public Health Law - Local Government Law - Government and Legislative Law Clinic - Externships: city, county or state public health department, state agency regarding health or some social services - Dual Degrees: MPH, Urban and Regional Planning - Electives: Determinants of Population Health - Public Health and Health Systems (MPH)
Cross-cutting experiences	- Courses: Administrative Law, Legislation and Regulation, Law, Science, and Biotechnology, Health Policy (general or specific) - Experiential Learning: Center for Patient Partnerships' Health Justice Clinic - Certificates: Health Advocacy - Dual Degrees: La Follette		

Law School's [Health Law Curriculum guide](#)

[Certificate Programs:](#) Note potential certificates, including through business school

Law School [Clinical opportunities:](#)

- Center for Patient Partnerships' Health Justice Clinic
 - How the health system works; consumer health law issues - insurance, disability, ADA protections; interdisciplinary problem-solving
- Government and Legislative Law Clinic
 - State agencies addressing health and public health regulatory, policy, and program implementation
- Law and Entrepreneurship Clinic
 - Health care innovation; tech start-ups; medical device patents

Customize:

- Do not see the experience you want?
 - Find an experience and make it an externship; Talk with Clinical Professor Erin McBride (erin.mcbride@wisc.edu) about your vision.
- Want to deeply research a topic?
 - Sign up to do a Directed Research with a faculty member (See Law School rule 3.13²)

Entities on campus engaged in health / public health policy and practice

- Population Health Institute, <https://uwphi.pophealth.wisc.edu/>
- High Road Strategy Center's Legacy Community Alliance for Health, <https://highroad.wisc.edu/health/>
- Extension's Health and Well-being Institute - <https://extension.wisc.edu/health/>
- Department of Family Medicine and Community Health's Office of Community Health - <https://www.fammed.wisc.edu/community/och/>

Seminar Series to watch for health policy and law related topic

- [La Follette School of Public Affairs Seminar Series](#)
- [Department of Population Health Sciences Seminars](#)
- [Wisconsin School of Business Talks](#)
- [Institute for Research on Poverty \(IRP\) Seminar Series](#)

Law School [Externships:](#)

- See Law Externship Program (UW Hospitals and Clinics, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; WI Institute for Health Aging, ABC for Health, GWAAR), or design your own (e.g. Public Health Madison & Dane County, Wisconsin Alcohol Policy Program) and Corporate Legal Department Externship (Promega Corp, WPS Health Solutions)

Elective courses outside of Law School (*Rule 3.08¹ – with prior approval 6 non-law credits*):

- [The Master of Public Health program:](#) (includes courses from multiple departments on campus)
- [La Follette School of Public Affairs:](#)
 - [PA 864 Health Policy and Policy Design](#)
- Business School: [Healthcare Management track](#)
- [Urban and Regional Planning](#)

¹ <https://law.wisc.edu/current/rules/chap3.html#3.08>
CPP's Health Law Guide

² <https://law.wisc.edu/current/rules/chap3.html#3.13>

Other Resources

Health Law – Business

- American Bar Association – Health Law Section - https://www.americanbar.org/groups/health_law/

Health Law – Consumer

- National Center for Medical Legal Partnerships, <https://medical-legalpartnership.org/>
- Camden Coalition, <https://camdenhealth.org/>

Public Health Law

- The Network for Public Health Law, www.networkforphl.org
- The CDC Public Health Law Program, www.cdc.gov/phlp
- CDC Foundation, <https://www.cdcfoundation.org/>

- Public Health Law Center, <http://publichealthlawcenter.org>
- ChangeLab Solutions, <http://changelabsolutions.org/>
- Public Health Law Research, <http://publichealthlawresearch.org>
- Law Atlas, <http://lawatlas.org/>

Intersection of Consumer Health Law and Public Health

- American University Washington College of Law's Health Law and Policy Program, [Health Justice Defined & Related Resources](#)

Podcasts

- [KFF Health News' 'What the Health?'](#)
- Association Of State And Territorial Health Officials list of recommended [Public Health Podcasts](#)

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