

FAMILY CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS – Civil Practice Pathway

In addition to the General Certificate Requirements you must complete the following requirements to earn your certificate.

CORE I

Required Fundamental Courses: Students must successfully complete these two:

Perspectives on Family Law (4 credits)

Child Parent & State (3 credits)

CORE II

Required Advanced Courses: Students must successfully complete at least one of the following:

Adoption

Domestic Violence

Child Support

Law of Sex & Sexual Orientation

Collaborative Law

Guardianship (to be added)

CORE III

Experiential Learning: Students are encouraged to take both, only one is required:

Clinic: (any of the following) Family Advocacy Clinic; IPVAC; Mediation Clinic

Externships: any family law externship but Eighth Circuit Family Court strongly recommended.

Plus one of the following:

Cross Cultural Counseling

Pre-Trial Practice

Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiation or ICN3

Trial Practice

Negotiation &/or Mediation

Electives

In addition to the courses listed above, the following electives may be used to complete the required 20 credits or, in appropriate cases, substituted for a comparable required course with the Director's approval.

Administrative Law

Estates and Trusts

Race and Race Relations Law

Economics of the Family

Gender and the Law

Statutory Interpretation

Elder Law

Immigration Law

Unified Family Court (when taught)

Estate Planning

Law of Sex and Sexual Orientation

Graduate Courses

Students may also take graduate courses elsewhere in the university that enhance interdisciplinary skills, e.g., in Psychology, Family Youth and Community Sciences) deemed by the Director to be appropriate based on the student's overall record and goals may be added to this list. This may include appropriate graduate level courses 5000 and above in other departments or colleges.

Seminar and Writing Requirement

Students must successfully complete an advanced writing project or other approved project (such as a family law brief, advocacy family-related public policy et.) seminar, or in another seminar or independent study approved by the Director. Family Policy, Child Support, and Law of Sex and Sexual Orientation Seminar, family law civil practice paper or other related subject in other seminars, with approval from the Director.