

FAMILY CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS – Public Interest/Public Sector Pathway

(legal services, children’s rights, nonprofit organizations, legislative staff)

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:

Administrative Law

Child Support

Domestic Violence

Disability Law

Education Law Social

Family Policy

Federal Courts

International Children’s Rights

Law and Social Sciences

Law of Sex and Sexual Orientation

Poverty Law

Justice Lawyering

Social Justice Lawyering

CORE III

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

Clinic – IPVAC, Gator TeamChild, Family Advocacy Clinic, Advanced Civil Clinic, Mediation Clinic

Externships – externships with nonprofit organizations such as Southern Legal Counsel, Florida Instructional Legal Services, Guardian Ad Litem, or public sector such as Child Welfare, Legal Services, CLS State Attorney.

Plus one of the following:

Advanced Legal Research

Cross Cultural Counseling

Interviewing, Counseling and Negotiation or ICN3

Negotiation

Mediation

Pre-Trial Practice

Trial Practice

Tools of Awareness

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

Domestic Violence

Disability Law

Education Law

Immigration Law

Poverty Law

Race and Race Relations Law

Social Justice Lawyering

Statutory Interpretation

Graduate Courses

Any multidisciplinary course elsewhere in the University 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 (for example Education, Psychology, Family Youth and Community Sciences).

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.