Program Overview
In an era of major national and regional reforms in health care and public health, students and practitioners must be able to recognize, assess, and solve issues of law, ethics, and policy at the intersection of health care delivery and protection of community health. The nationally ranked health law programs, projects, and initiatives at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University encompass an array of unique and emerging areas, including public health law and policy, personalized medicine, and neuroscience.

Students may select from a diverse range of health law-related courses and opportunities tailored to their specific interests and led by acclaimed faculty, adjuncts, and partners. Students’ experiences are accentuated through related concentrations, certifications, and joint degrees offered by centers at ASU Law, Mayo Clinic School of Medicine, and other institutions. Knowledge and application of principles of law, ethics, and policy offer graduates career opportunities in the high-demand fields of health care, public health, and technology.

Faculty Experts
Faculty at ASU Law along with fellows, partners and practitioners teach, research, publish, and speak nationally and internationally on contemporary topics concerning of health law, policy, and ethics. This exceptional group of interdisciplinary experts explores legal tools, opportunities, and implications for national health care reform, precision medicine, public health, health technologies, neuroscience, global health policy, and industry regulation.

Core faculty of these programs include:
- James G. Hodge, Jr.
- Kenneth Abbott
- Diana Bowman
- Charles Calleros
- David Gartner
- Betsy Grey
- Myles V. Lynk
- Gary E. Marchant
- Michael J. Saks

Center for Public Health Law & Policy
The Center for Public Health Law & Policy explores fascinating and emerging issues in public health law. Topics include emergency legal preparedness, obesity, injury prevention, vaccinations, and health care reform.

The center brings students together with leading scholars, practitioners, and policymakers to address critical challenges at the intersection of law, ethics, policy, and the public’s health. The center’s diverse group of scholars and partners seeks to promote the role of law as a tool for improving the public’s health by conducting targeted legal and public health research, developing innovative tools and educational materials, and collaborating with public health leaders.

The center also hosts the Western Region Office of the Network for Public Health Law, supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, which provides technical assistance to practitioners and attorneys nationwide, and allows students the opportunity to implement public health law solutions.

Healthcare Entrepreneurship Clinic
ASU Law is part of an innovative set of clinical programs that pairs inventors, entrepreneurs, and emerging technology companies with law, business, and engineering students to provide multidisciplinary services to startup ventures. The Healthcare Entrepreneurship Clinic partners law students interested in health law with early-stage Arizona businesses in the health care and technology arena.

Students gain broad industry knowledge and personal experience with clients, solving legal problems related to formation, intellectual property, compliance and regulation, contracts, licensing, all within a health context. The clinic is directed by Dr. John Shufeldt, an ASU Law adjunct professor, alum, and co-founder of numerous health care businesses. The clinic provides students with incredible resources across law, medicine, and business, including expert instruction, client projects, and industry mentorship.

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Student Opportunities

Health law is a multifaceted area with a unique array of applications, contexts, and career paths. ASU Law's programs are collaborative and inclusive of several projects, faculty, and substantive areas beyond the classroom. Students can take advantage of opportunities that include:

- Coursework in Health Law & Policy, Public Health Law & Ethics, Medical Malpractice, Health Technologies, Health Care Fraud, FDA Regulation, Biotechnology, Bioethics, Genetics, Neuroscience, Law and Psychology, Reproductive Technologies, Research Ethics, Privacy, Scientific Evidence, and more. New courses are created frequently to address areas of student interest and employer demand.

- Graduation Certificates in Law, Science & Technology – which offer students the option to specialize in Health Law or Genomics & Biotechnology and demonstrate expertise to employers and clients.

- Research opportunities through research cluster groups in Personalized Medicine and Neuroscience, research assistant positions, and independent study projects that allow students to work closely with faculty on legal and scientific research and publications.

- Work with the Center for Public Health Law & Policy on research, scholarship, and public health legal assistance requests through the Network for Public Health Law – Western Region Office.

- Clinical experience assisting clients in early-stage health care companies with legal challenges through the Healthcare Entrepreneurship Clinic.

- The Health Law Society (HLS), an active student organization facilitating speakers, events, and networking opportunities.

- LLM and MLS degree programs with an available emphasis in health law or public health law and policy, the LLM in Genomics & Biotechnology, and the JD/MD Dual Degree Program with Mayo Clinic School of Medicine offer additional degree options for non-lawyers and postgraduate law students looking to advance their careers.

Testimonials

“The health-specific programs and courses offered by ASU Law helped me to form a foundation of knowledge necessary to serve sophisticated health care clients on a daily basis.”

- Nick Meza, MPH, JD ’13
  Quarles & Brady LLP

“From engaging with leaders of emerging industries to facilitating preeminent scholarship on the Jurimetrics journal, ASU Law's programs provide me with the forum and the means to establish an unrivaled foundation at the nexus of law, science, and technology, particularly in areas of health law. In addition to educational support, these programs provide a collegial environment that encourages communication among students, faculty, and professionals.”

- Chase Millea, JD ’16
  Health Current

“The health law programs at ASU Law, and especially the center, provided me with the education and skills to succeed both during and beyond law school. The opportunity to work on legal issues in real time alongside attorneys, academics, and government officials at all levels was an invaluable learning experience that led me to an internship with CDC and my current position at FDA.”

- Gregory Measer, JD ’15
  U.S. Food and Drug Administration

“Researching for the center has been the highlight of my law school experience. I learned how to use my legal skills to address critical public health objectives, and made lasting connections within the health and public health law fields. I am confident this experience has paved the way for a lifetime career in health law.”

- Sarah Wetter, JD ’17
  The Center for Public Health Law & Policy Research Scholar

“The health law programs allowed me to take advantage of various opportunities that have helped me in my post-law school career. Working for the center, earning a certificate in Health Law and Genomics and Biotechnology Law, researching in the neuroscience research cluster, serving as president and treasurer of HLS, participating in the healthcare entrepreneurship clinic, and attending countless networking opportunities with health law professionals allowed me to stand out from other candidates and establish myself in the health law community.”

- Kellie Manders, JD ’15
  AETNA, Senior Compliance Lead