

Professional Legal Training (PLT) Course



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- GDLP awarded on completion of PLT Course
- The GDLP is accredited by the Legal Profession Admission Board (LPAB) as a qualification for applicants for admission as lawyer in NSW
- On admission as a lawyer in NSW, you can seek reciprocal admission in any Australian State or Territory and in New Zealand.

Features of PLT at UOW

- Builds on the foundations established in the Wollongong LLB degree, Professional Experience/Internship & Skills Programs
- Develops the legal skills and values necessary for a wide range of competent and ethical legal practice
- Integrates course work and professional experience
- Allows you to get professional experience in current law practice-related employment or in a voluntary placement
- Uses practice-based learning techniques (PBL)
- Creates a flexible & supportive learning environment

Blended Learning Program

- Face-to-face learning & teaching
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- On-line features:
 - > assignment instructions & material
 - > assignment submission & grading
 - > email & discussion



Course Options

- ◎ Full-time (20 weeks)
 - > Law graduates, or
 - > Final year students (with 1 elective to complete)
- ◎ Part-time (two academic sessions)
 - > Law graduates, or
 - > Final year students (studying a maximum of 3 electives)

Course Structure

- ▶ **The Course includes:**
 - 1 intensive Introductory Week;
 - 6 weekend intensives (Saturdays only) of f2f learning (most weekends spaced 3 weeks apart);
 - 3 of the weekends individual assessment; and
 - a period of professional placement.
- ▶ **Between each weekend intensive, you complete online practice-related assignments**

Course Content

- ▶ **LLB 843** Professional Practice
- ▶ **LLB 844** Practice Management
- ▶ **LLB 845** Conducting Litigation
- ▶ **LLB 846** Commercial & Property Practice



Prerequisite Subjects

- ▶ F/T students in final year must have completed
 - all “Priestley” subjects,
 - coursework in Lawyers and Australian Society (LLB 190/311/197)
 - Skills Program subjects
- ▶ And *should have* completed at least one professional experience placement/legal internship prior to the GDLP (as part of LLB 190 or 311 or LLB 397)

Professional experience (PE)

- ▶ You need to complete a total of 80 days for admission:
 - Up to 40 days (including LLB 190/311/397) may be credited for PE before the LPC (subject to Director approval)
 - Remaining days may be completed during the GDLP or up to six months after the end of the Course.
- ▶ Students who complete the GDLP in their final year should discuss their PE plans with the Director

Assessment

- ▶ Focus of learning & teaching is to assist you to develop the skills and abilities for competent & ethical law practice.
- ▶ Assessment:
 - Formative & summative
 - No examinations: you demonstrate competency by completing assignments & individual performance to a '*satisfactory*' standard

If enrolled in 4 yr LLB (1777)

- Can apply for concurrent enrolment in GDLP in final year or session
- Must have completed all core LLB subjects & Skills Program
- When complete GDLP, get advanced standing of 24 credit points towards LLB electives in 4yr LLB

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▶ This means:

- Only need do 8 LLB electives (not 11)
- Save a session of study, and
- Eligible to take out LLB & GDLP at same time, in same graduation ceremony

Course dates 2011/2 & 2012

Course 2011/2 (20 June – 4 November)

On campus intensives: 4-8 July, 23 July, 13 August, 3 September

Individual performance assessments: 24 September, 15 & 22 October

Course 2012/1 (23 January – 8 June 2012)

On campus intensives: 6-10 February, 3 March, 24 March, 14 April

Individual performance assessments: 28 April, 19 & 26 May

Course 2012/2 (25 June – 10 November)

On campus intensives: 9-13 July, 28 July, 18 August, 8 September

Individual performance assessments: 29 September, 20 & 27 October

Admission

- LPAB <http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lpab>
- Admission dates 2011 & 2012
- Last date lodgment application
- Release of LLB & GDLP grades

PLT Course UOW & National Awards

- ▶ 2009 - UOW VC's Law Faculty OCTAL award
- ▶ 2009 – one of the 5 finalists from Australian Law Schools for LexisNexis/ALTA Award- *'For Excellence & Innovation in the Teaching of Law'*
- ▶ 2010 – Australian Learning & Teaching Council Citation - *'For Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning'*

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