

Certificate in Public Interest Law & Policy

The Center for Access to Justice's Public Interest Law and Policy Certificate Program provides students with the training and legal knowledge necessary to serve traditionally underrepresented individuals, communities and interests and to facilitate the development of problem-solving skills relevant to working with and on behalf of public interest issues and underserved populations.

The program is designed to allow students to focus on a particular substantive area specific to their interests and career goals or to explore more broadly the kinds of issues that might arise in doing public interest or pro bono work. Students pursuing the certificate must satisfy the general J.D. requirements and the curricular elements below.

PILP CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum of 16 credit hours
- Foundations: Constitutional Law II: Individual Liberties and Administrative Law or Federal Courts
- Underrepresented Communities: one course from approved list
- Experiential: one course from approved list
- Electives: two courses from approved list
- Substantial writing project on a public interest topic
- 40 hours of pro bono legal service



OUR STUDENTS

- **EARN** a J.D. with a focus on underrepresented interests
- **DEVELOP** skills and knowledge central to serving the public interest
- **RECEIVE** faculty advisement and connect with practitioners
- **APPLY** theory to practice through pro bono volunteering and experiential coursework
- **BUILD** a foundation for a career in the public interest or active pro bono engagement as part of a different full-time path

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