

Health Law Concentration | School of Law

The Health Law Concentration capitalizes on the significant teaching and curriculum strengths within BU Law and other Boston University schools. It also provides students interested in the Health Law field with an opportunity to focus in a more systematic way on that area of law.

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Requirements

Beginning with the class of 2024, the concentration requirements will change. Please see the [PDF of the new concentration](#) for more information. Students in the class of 2023 may elect to complete the new concentration or the concentration below.

A student may be certified as having completed a concentration in Health Law by meeting the following requirements:

- 1) Satisfactory completion of one of these courses:

Health Law: LAW JD 856

Public Health Law (S): LAW JD 926

- 2) Satisfactory completion of:

Health Care Fraud and Abuse (S): LAW JD 726

Administrative Law: LAW JD 801

Corporations: LAW JD 816

- 3) Satisfactory completion of an additional twelve (12) health care credits in Boston University's School of Law, School of Public Health, or Questrom School of Business. Note that courses with practical health law skills (such as Health Law Externships, Health Care Transactions, Health Law Semesters in Practice) will count towards the 12 elective credits. Current course offerings that will satisfy this requirement are listed below.

Current course offerings that satisfy requirement of completion of 12 credits:

Courses at BU Law

Highly Recommended

Antitrust Law: LAW JD 838

Food, Drug and Cosmetic Law (S): LAW JD 802

Health Care Transactions (S): LAW JD 998

Additional Law School Courses

American Journal of Law & Medicine – Member

American Journal of Law & Medicine – Editorial Board

Administrative Law Research: LAW JD 763

Compassionate Release Practicum (C): LAW JD 685

Competition in Health Care (S): LAW JD 867

Compliance Policy Clinic: Fieldwork (C): LAW JD 823

Contract Drafting: LAW JD 788

Corporate Counsel Externship Fieldwork: LAW JD 954

Corporate Counsel Externship Seminar: LAW JD 896

Disability Law (S): LAW JD 749

Economic Analysis of Health Care Law: LAW JD 960

Economics of Intellectual Property Law (S): LAW JD 900

Exempt Organizations: LAW TX 926

Health Care Decisions & Bioethics: LAW JD 727

Health Law: LAW JD 856

Health Law Externship: Fieldwork (C): LAW JD 762

Health Law Externship: Seminar: LAW JD 764

Health Law Research: LAW JD 717

Insurance Law: LAW JD 850

Intellectual Property: LAW JD 857

Law & Regulation of Cannabis (S): LAW JD 969

Legislative Policy & Drafting: Clinic Option (C): LAW JD 786

Negotiation: LAW JD 921

Public Health Law (S): LAW JD 926

Representing Life Sciences Companies: Biotechnology, Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices (S): LAW JD 907

Semester-in-Practice: Fieldwork (C): LAW JD 739

Shareholder Activism (S): LAW JD 928

Supervised Research & Writing: LAW JD 841

Transaction Simulation: Follow-On Venture Capital Financing: LAW JD 844

**JD 992 and SPH LW 830 are the same course.*

**JD926 and SPH LW 850 are the same course.*

**The Government Lawyering externship, semester-in-practice, American Legislative Practice clinic, and Supervised Research & Writing (independent project) qualify if they are health-care related.*

Courses at the School of Public Health

Ethical Issues in Medicine and Public Health: SPH LW 725

Health and Human Rights: SPH LW 740

Health Insurance and the Affordable Care Act : SPH LW 830

Health Law, Bioethics, and Human Rights: SPH LW 840

Mental Health Law, Policy & Ethics: SPH LW 854

Public Health Law: SPH LW 850

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Courses at Questrom School of Business

Advances in Digital Health: QST HM 817

Bench-to-Bedside: Translating Biomedical Innovation from the Laboratory to the Marketplace: QST HM 801

Drugs, Devices, and Diagnostics: New Challenges, Strategies, and Execution: QST HM 717

Health Sector Consulting: QST HM 840

Health Sector Issues and Opportunities: QST HM 703

Health Sector Marketing: QST HM 833

Health Service Delivery: Strategies, Solutions and Execution: QST HM 710

Intellectual Property Strategies: QST SI 814

To see if a particular School of Public Health or Questrom School of Management Health Care Management graduate course satisfies this requirement, please contact Professor [Christopher Robertson](#).

4) Satisfactory completion of a substantial written work on a health-related topic. This requirement can be satisfied with the same written work that satisfies the existing Upperclass Writing Requirement. If the paper was done in a course, seminar, or for another purpose and the supervising professor is an adjunct (part-time) faculty member, then the faculty concentration advisor must review the paper and confirm that it satisfies the concentration paper requirement.

Students receiving a 3.5 average in the courses above will be certified as earning honors in the concentration. **Please note:** In accordance with BU Law policies, only **BU Law** courses will be included when calculating the law school grade point average and when determining whether a student has attained a 3.5 average. All Law courses and seminars taken that could be applied toward the concentration will be included in determining honors unless, by the end of the applicable add/drop period, a student designates, in writing, that he/she does not want a course/seminar that is taken that semester counted towards the concentration. The “opt-out” provision does not apply to courses/seminars that are needed to satisfy the minimum requirements for the concentration.

To ensure maximum flexibility for students in their future career decisions, the transcripts of students who elect the Health Law Concentration will not reflect the Concentration. However, the School of Law Registrar’s Office will record completion of the Concentration and honors in the Concentration and will make available official documentation of completion of the Concentration and honors.

Faculty

BU Law’s award-winning faculty includes numerous scholars and teachers with expertise in health law. From food and drug law, bioethics and family law to public health law, our faculty offers students a wide breadth of specialized skills in this

dynamic field.



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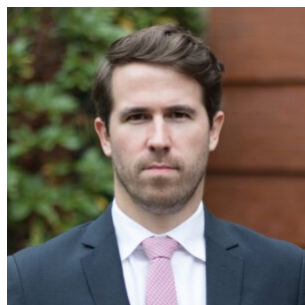
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Professor [Christopher Robertson](#) is the faculty advisor for the Health Law concentration and is available to answer students' questions about the substantive aspects of the concentration. Administrative questions should be directed to [Associate Dean Gerry Muir](#).

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