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GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN LEGAL PRACTICE (GDLP)

Practical legal training (PLT)
at Adelaide Law School

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**ADELAIDE LAW
SCHOOL CELEBRATING
135 YEARS**

Adelaide Law School is one of Australia's earliest established Law Schools celebrating its 135 year anniversary in 2018.

Our networks includes distinguished alumni who have become leaders in the legal profession as well as in business and government.

Adelaide Law School's lecturers and tutors are experts in their field as well as award-winning academics and researchers.

[^] Ranked #51-100; QSWorld University rankings by subject Law 2017

STUDY THE GDLP AT ADELAIDE

The University of Adelaide, in partnership with the Law Society of South Australia, offers a GDLP designed to accommodate the needs of local, interstate and international law graduates who wish to train for the legal profession.

The Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice (GDLP) prepares you for your legal career with practical legal training (PLT) a compulsory requirement to be admitted as a barrister or solicitor in Australia.

Delivered in partnership with the Law Society of South Australia who are experienced leading members of the judiciary and legal professionals.

The Adelaide GDLP offers:

- An accelerated program which can be completed within 6 months whilst working.
- Practical legal training
 - Designed and taught by South Australian judges, barristers and solicitors to ensure that you develop invaluable practical skills.
 - Practical face-to-face advocacy training delivered in the District Court by experienced practitioners, an unique opportunity to obtain feedback from leading judges, barristers and solicitors.
- Flexible learning
 - Study modes include intensive, weekend and after work hours available to help you balance work and family commitments.
 - Study materials available online via My Uni.

- Legal Practice placements and gain valuable experience over 6 weeks and help you expand your professional networks.
- Direct local admission - Admitted as a barrister and solicitor to practise in South Australia – once admitted, you can easily apply for a practising certificate in other States and Territories without seeking further admission.
- Build networks and relationships while you learn. Access established networks of South Australian legal professionals presents a significant opportunity especially if you plan to work in South Australia. Connections with your peers can lead to ongoing professional relationships.

- Access a community of current students, academics, alumni
- Study concurrently while working or in your final year of your Bachelor of Laws (LLB) (subject to conditions)*

** See information on website for details. Conditions apply.*

Final year Bachelor of Laws students can study the GDLP concurrently while working. Subject to conditions.*

PROGRAM INFORMATION

If you want to practise law in Australia you need to complete recognised practical legal training.

The Adelaide Law School GDLP program is designed to give you the practical skills required to become a competent legal practitioner.

The main components of the program are:

- This program can be completed in 6 months or take up to 3 years.
- Intakes – commencing in April, July and October.
- The GDLP consists of 5 core courses and 2 electives. The first core course ‘Foundations’ includes intensive seminars delivered at the Law Society. All other courses are delivered at Adelaide Law School in intensive study mode run over a 2 week period.
- Some seminars have compulsory attendance but are scheduled at a range of times during the day, evening and at weekends.

- Complete 6 weeks (225 hours) of legal practice placement. Recent relevant work experience may be used to reduce your required placement hours.
- Attend 5 hours of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) seminars.

Apply now

Online applications apply via SATAC code 3GD087.

More information

For sample course plans and enrolment enquiries.

E: lawenquiry@adelaide.edu.au
law.adelaide.edu.au/GDLP



CONNECTIONS WITH THE PROFESSION

We have developed many relationships with the profession that our students can take advantage of.

You will have the opportunity to meet leading legal practitioners at induction and throughout the course.

Some of the legal practice placement providers for the GDLP include:

- The Legal Services Commission
- The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions
- Cowell Clarke Commercial Lawyers
- Camatta Lempens

Success is often determined by access to great mentors.



“THE PRACTICAL LEGAL TRAINING ASPECT OF THIS PROGRAM WAS AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE. I COMPLETED MINE AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTION. AN INSIGHT INTO THIS WORKPLACE FOR SIX WEEKS HAS HELPED ME SHAPE MY CAREER PATH, PUT ME IN TOUCH WITH SOME INSPIRING PRACTITIONERS AND REALISE THAT MY PASSION IS CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.”

Melissa Wegener GDLP graduate

SUPPORT SERVICES AND FACILITIES

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- **GDLP Indigenous Law Student Scholarship Program** The Law Society and The University of Adelaide are pleased to announce the continuation of their joint GDLP Indigenous Law Student Scholarship Program. One Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander law student per year will have their mandatory practical legal training course program fully paid for as part of the scholarship.

The GDLP scholarship – a joint initiative between the Law Society and The University of Adelaide – is one of several programs the Law Society is involved in to promote reconciliation and a “fair go” for indigenous people.

- **The Nyland and Caruso Prize** for meritorious performance in the Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice. Conditions apply.

For details, please visit:
law.adelaide.edu.au/connect/prizes/

- **Work placements** The Law Society of South Australia manage all aspects of the placement component of the GDLP and can provide advice on the process.
- **Connections with industry** and an active GDLP Advisory Board helps shape our programs and makes them relevant.
- **Access John Bray Law Alumni network** and the Law Society networks.
- **FEE-HELP-** Financial assistance may be available to pay your fees.

Law School facilities

- **The Law Library** is a research and reference library offering online access to a wide range of Australian and international legal resources.
- **Moot Court** where students can build their skills in presenting a case or argument in our fully equipped mock courtroom
- **Dedicated postgraduate learning spaces** on Level 5 Ligertwood Building.



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