



CLINICAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & GUIDELINES

Please review your degree requirements and this course catalogue *before* filling out the Clinical Course Application.

Your registration application is due Friday, July 21, 2023. All applications will be reviewed after the deadline, without regard to the order in which they were received. Accordingly, please take your time in carefully reviewing these materials and preparing your application. You are only registering for the **FALL 2023** semester at this time.

All courses in this catalogue are 1 unit, unless otherwise mentioned. All courses meet on zoom and are open to students at all campuses, unless otherwise mentioned.

Please note that “Core Mediation” is a required course for all students. You may enroll in Core Mediation after completion of all first year required courses. Core Mediation is not part of the Clinical Course Application, so you may register for it on your own, in Populi.

If you have questions, please email Clinical Program Director Lety Perez (lperez@montereylaw.edu) and Dean Maren Christensen (mchristensen@montereylaw.edu).

Program Requirements, By Campus		<p>Please consider the following Guidelines when deciding what clinic classes to take:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>You Have Options</u>: Your 2 additional units made be satisfied by taking clinics (listed below), Mediation Practicum (1 unit), and/or by completing an approved Internship. <u>Be Prepared</u>: We <i>strongly encourage</i> you to take “Introduction to Community Legal Services” (ICLS) before enrolling in <i>either</i> a clinic or the Mediation Practicum. ICLS uses practice exercises to introduce and build the skills used in these clinics. <u>Mediation</u>: The Mediation Practicum course is an advanced class. In this course, students serve as mediators in small cases. You must complete Core Mediation before taking this class. In addition, as noted above, we strongly encourage you to take ICLS before taking this class. Furthermore, to get more experience with making phone calls and interacting with parties, we strongly encourage you to take another clinic first. <u>Internships</u>: Completing an internship with a court, law firm, or agency is a great way to get legal training and build connections with your local legal community. Internships are also an opportunity to demonstrate your talents and skills as a future attorney. Successful interns sometimes even receive job offers! But a mediocre or unsuccessful internship could have the opposite effect. We <i>strongly encourage</i> you to complete other clinical courses within our school before applying for an internship. Internship Program Guidelines, Instructions, and Forms can be found in the “Forms & Policies” section of the school website. <u>Make It Your Own</u>: Whether you want to try everything, or build experience in particular area, we encourage you to start planning your clinical education goals early. If you have questions or concerns, or want some advice, you can ask Dean Christensen (mchristensen@montereylaw.edu), Clinical Program Director Lety Perez (lperez@montereylaw.edu) or any of your professors. We’re here to help you make the most of your time as law students!
MCL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core Mediation (2 units) Small Claims Clinic (1 unit) 2 additional clinical units 	
SLOCL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core Mediation (2 units) 2 additional clinical units 	
KCCL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core Mediation (2 units) 2 additional clinical units 	
Hybrid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Core Mediation (2 units) 2 additional clinical units 	

FALL 2023 CLINICAL COURSE CATALOGUE

Day/Time	Course	Professor	Description	Pre-Requisite Courses
Monday 4:00-6:00	Collections Clinic	Martin	Assisting members of the public, via phone appointments, with collecting on a small claims court judgment.	All First Year Required Courses, including Professional Responsibility. ICLS (strongly suggested)
Monday 4:00-6:00	Immigration Clinic	Singh-Edwards	Assisting members of the public, via zoom appointments, with immigration cases and questions.	All First Year Required Courses, including Professional Responsibility. Immigration Law Elective (strongly suggested) ICLS (strongly suggested)
Tuesday 5:00-6:00	Clean Slate Clinic I	Doherty & Lizarraga	Assisting members of the public in San Luis Obispo County with petitions to expunge criminal records.	All First Year Required Courses, including Professional Responsibility. ICLS (strongly suggested)
Tuesday 4:00-6:00	Limited Conservatorship Clinic	Morgantini & Scarlett	Assisting members of the public, via phone or zoom appointments, with preparing petitions to seek a limited conservatorship for a developmentally disabled family member.	All First Year Required Courses, including Professional Responsibility. Must have completed at least one other clinic prior to enrolling. <i>This is a 2-unit course.</i>
Wednesday 12:30-2:30	Community Legal Clinic	Christensen	Assisting members of the public, via phone appointments, with questions and preparing forms for family law, restraining orders, small claims, collections, and unlawful detainers.	All First Year Required Courses, including Professional Responsibility. ICLS (strongly suggested)
Wednesday 4:00-6:00	Record Clearance Clinic	Lipperd	Assisting members of the public in Santa Cruz County with petitions to expunge criminal records.	All First Year Required Courses, including Professional Responsibility. ICLS (strongly suggested)

Wednesday 5:00-6:00	Clean Slate Clinic II ¹	Doherty & Lizarraga	Assisting members of the public in San Luis Obispo County with additional types of post-conviction matters ranging from motions for early termination of probation, to felony reduction motions, to record sealing petitions. For cases that have a hearing, students would have the option of attending the hearing in-person, in San Luis Obispo.	All First Year Required Courses, including Professional Responsibility. Clean Slate Clinic I, or Record Clearance Clinic ICLS (strongly suggested)
Wednesday 4:00-6:00	Small Claims Clinic ²	Patterson & Borges	Assisting members of the public, via phone appointments, with preparing matters for small claims court.	All First Year Required Courses , including Professional Responsibility. ICLS (strongly suggested)
Thursday 4:00-6:00	Restraining Order Clinic	Scarlett	Assisting members of the public, via phone appointments, with restraining order cases and questions (domestic violence and civil harassment).	All First Year Required Courses, including Professional Responsibility. ICLS (strongly suggested)
Thursday 4:00-6:00	Unlawful Detainer Clinic	Adams	Assisting members of the public, via phone appointments, with eviction cases and questions, and sometimes other questions about landlord/tenant law.	All First Year Required Courses, including Professional Responsibility. ICLS (strongly suggested)
Thursday 12:00-1:00 ³	Mediation Practicum	Christensen	Students in the Mediation Practicum will <i>mediate cases themselves</i> in Monterey County's Neighbor Project (non-violent conflicts between neighbors) and in Small Claims Court. Mediations may take place remotely or, for local students, in person at Small Claims Court in Marina, CA.	All First Year Required Courses, including Professional Responsibility. Core Mediation ICLS (strongly suggested) At least one other clinic (strongly suggested)

¹ The Clean Slate II Clinic will only be offered if enough qualified students request enrollment.

² Small Claims Clinic is a required course for all MCL campus students.

³ The Mediation Practicum has class meetings from 12:00-1:00 on several Thursdays throughout the semester. Students will otherwise work on cases and communicate with Professors and staff outside of this class time, and frequently attend Small Claims Court on Thursday mornings in Monterey County (via zoom or in person). Students located in the Monterey area are strongly encouraged to mediate in person in Small Claims Court on Thursday mornings.

Friday 5:30-7:30	Introduction to Community Legal Services ("ICLS") Section 1	Narvaez	Interactive course on best practices for effectively interacting with clients. The course consists of a combination of instruction and skills practice, with a particular emphasis on simulation exercises to practice conducting client intakes and interviews, drafting client declarations and demand letters, and filling out legal forms.	All First Year Required Courses. Students may take Professional Responsibility simultaneously.
Saturday 9:00-11:00	Introduction to Community Legal Services ("ICLS") Section 2	Omidi	Interactive course on best practices for effectively interacting with clients. The course consists of a combination of instruction and skills practice, with a particular emphasis on simulation exercises to practice conducting client intakes and interviews, drafting client declarations and demand letters, and filling out legal forms.	All First Year Required Courses. Students may take Professional Responsibility simultaneously.