

# LAW CLERK

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**Program:** LCLR

**Credential:** Ontario College Diploma

**Delivery:** Full-time + Part-time

**Work Integrated Learning:** 1 Field Placement

**Length:** 4 Semesters

**Duration:** 2 Years

**Effective:** Fall 2025, Winter 2026

**Location:** Barrie

## Description

As integral members of the legal team, law clerks work independently under the general supervision of a lawyer and assist with numerous tasks associated with the handling of diverse legal matters, including direct interaction with internal and external stakeholders. In this program, you learn to draft legal correspondence and memoranda and prepare various court documents in practice areas such as real estate, corporate, estates, civil litigation and family law, utilizing current legal software to produce documents to professional standards. You learn legal administration skills, substantive law, ethics, collaboration and professionalism. You engage in experiential learning through a field placement that reinforces and expands upon the knowledge and skills acquired in the classroom.

## Career Opportunities

Law clerks work in a vast array of legal environments, including law or paralegal firms, government offices, legal clinics, courts, financial institutions, corporations and insurance companies. Workplaces might include exposure to any number of areas of law, including real estate, family, corporate, personal injury, wills and estates, and general civil litigation.

## Program Learning Outcomes

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

1. support the needs of clients and legal professionals through the use of accurate terminology and professional communication strategies, both orally and in writing;
2. complete all work within routine and unexpected time lines and limitation periods within the legal environment;
3. use current and relevant electronic and print resources, within the legal environment, to conduct legal research, to assist with file and evidentiary management, to facilitate communication and general legal documentation, complying with current regulations and procedures;
4. research and summarize the presenting legal issues applying knowledge of substantive law, to support the legal team;
5. apply rules of procedure to support best legal practices;
6. conduct oneself professionally in adherence to the guidelines of the Law Society of Ontario;
7. carry out clerical and administrative duties for the operation of a variety of legal environments;
8. outline strategies for ongoing professional development to ensure continuing competence as a Law Clerk;
9. act equitably and justly with diverse populations;

10. provide support for legal professionals in courts and administrative tribunals within the legal system;
11. employ environmentally sustainable practices within the profession;
12. apply basic entrepreneurial strategies to identify and respond to new opportunities.

## Program Progression

The following reflects the planned progression for full-time offerings of the program.

### Fall Intake

- **Sem 1:** Fall 2025
- **Sem 2:** Winter 2026
- **Sem 3:** Fall 2026
- **Sem 4:** Winter 2027

### Winter Intake

- **Sem 1:** Winter 2026
- **Sem 2:** Summer 2026
- **Sem 3:** Fall 2026
- **Sem 4:** Winter 2027

## Articulation

A number of articulation agreements have been negotiated with universities and other institutions across Canada, North America and internationally. These agreements are assessed, revised and updated on a regular basis. Please contact the program co-ordinator for specific details if you are interested in pursuing such an option. Additional information can be found on our website at <https://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer/> (<http://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer/>)

## Admission Requirements

- [Ontario Secondary School Diploma \(OSSD\) or equivalent, mature student status](#)
- Grade 12 English (C or U)

Mature students, non-secondary school applicants (19 years or older), and home school applicants may also be considered for admission. Eligibility may be met by applicants who have taken equivalent courses, upgrading, completed their GED, and equivalency testing. For complete details refer to: [www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/academic-regulations/](http://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/academic-regulations/) (<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/academic-regulations/>)

Applicants who have taken courses from a recognized and accredited post-secondary institution and/or have relevant life/learning experience may also be considered for admission; refer to the Credit for Prior Learning website for details: [www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer/](http://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer/) (<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/admissions/credit-transfer/>)

## Graduation Requirements

- 19 Program Courses
- 2 Communications Courses
- 3 General Education Courses

## 1 Field Placement

### Graduation Eligibility

To graduate from this program, the passing weighted average for promotion through each semester, from year to year, and to graduate is 60%. Additionally, a student must attain a minimum of 50% or a letter grade of P (Pass) or S (Satisfactory) in each course in each semester unless otherwise stated on the course outline.

### Program Tracking

The following reflects the planned course sequence for full-time offerings of the Fall intake of the program. Where more than one intake is offered contact the program co-ordinator for the program tracking.

Semester 1		Hours
Program Courses		
BUSI 1001	Introduction to Organizational Behaviour	42
COMP 1003	Microcomputer Applications	42
LAWS 1024	Foundations of the Canadian Legal System	42
LAWS 1028	Introductory Legal Office Administration	42
LAWS 1029	Introduction to Substantive Branches of Law	42
Communications Course		
Select 1 course from the communications list during registration.		42
<b>Hours</b>		<b>252</b>
Semester 2		
Program Courses		
LAWS 1014	Family Law 1	42
LAWS 1015	Debtor and Creditor/Landlord and Tenant Law	42
LAWS 1023	Intermediate Legal Office Administration	42
REAS 1003	Legal Research and Writing	42
Communications Course		
Select 1 course from the communications list during registration.		42
General Education Course		
Select 1 course from the general education list during registration		42
<b>Hours</b>		<b>252</b>
Semester 3		
Program Courses		
LAWS 2039	Family Law 2	42
LAWS 2040	Corporate and Commercial Law 1	42
LAWS 2044	Real Estate Law 1	42
LAWS 2051	Advanced Legal Office Administration	42
LAWS 2053	Civil Litigation 1	42
General Education Course		
Select 1 course from the general education list during registration.		42
<b>Hours</b>		<b>252</b>
Semester 4		
Program Courses		
LAWS 2032	Estates Law	42
LAWS 2041	Corporate and Commercial Law 2	42
LAWS 2043	Civil Litigation 2	42
LAWS 2045	Real Estate Law 2	42
LAWS 2052	Legal Professionalism and Ethics	42
General Education Course		
Select 1 course from the general education list during registration.		42
Field Placement		
LAWS 2037	Law Clerk Field Training	84
<b>Hours</b>		<b>336</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>1092</b>

## Graduation Window

Students unable to adhere to the program duration of two years (as stated above) may take a maximum of four years to complete their credential. After this time, students must be re-admitted into the program, and follow the curriculum in place at the time of re-admission.

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