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Course information for applicants

This information applies to the course as it will be delivered to students starting the course in 2027/28. Information provided here was confirmed on 25/09/2026

General information

Programme code

PCPLP

Target award

If you complete this course successfully you will be eligible for the award of:
PGCert Professional Legal Practice Skills

Delivery mode

- ☒ On campus
☐ Distance learning

Where you will study

The majority of teaching will be at City campus but on occasion may be at Headingley campus.

Awarding body

Leeds Beckett University

Regulator

Office for Students

Level of qualification

Level 7 of the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications

Course duration

If you are made an offer of a place on the course, your offer letter will include the start date.

This course can be studied:

- 6 months full-time
12 months part-time

Part-time study

This course can be studied part-time.

If you study the course part-time, it will usually take twice as long to complete compared with the equivalent full-time course. The modules may be delivered in a different sequence than on the full-time course, but you will study the same modules at each academic level. With the agreement of the course team, you may be able to increase your pace of study to shorten the overall course duration.

As a part-time student, you will not usually have the option of a work placement.

Entry requirements

Admissions criteria are available on the online prospectus entry for this course.

If you have previous relevant qualifications or experience, you could be exempt from certain parts of your course.

Recognition of prior learning (RPL) allows you to start your course at a point appropriate to the learning and skills that you may have developed in a professional, vocational or community setting.

Find out more here: <https://www.leedsbeckett.ac.uk/student-information/course-information/recognition-of-prior-learning>.

If you have questions about entry requirements and admissions, contact AdmissionsEnquiries@leedsbeckett.ac.uk.

Course fees

Course fees and a breakdown of any additional costs is included on the online prospectus entry for this course.

If you have questions about fees for this course, contact Fees@leedsbeckett.ac.uk

Timetable

You will receive your full timetable for the year during induction week.

What you will study

Course aims

This Postgraduate Certificate engages students in pursuing and acquiring a dynamic and practical understanding of the application of legal skills and practice-based research. A key aim of this course is to support aspiring solicitors to prepare for working in legal practice, or for those already working in legal practice to further develop and consolidate their legal and research skills, and to undertake the externally set SQE2 (Solicitors Qualifying Examination), for which there is a separate fee payable to the SRA (Solicitors Regulation Authority). Those wishing to qualify as a solicitor in England and Wales must pass SQE1 before being eligible to sit SQE2, and also complete a period of qualifying work experience (QWE). The SRA regulates the qualification of solicitors and full details can be found on the [SRA website](#). For the avoidance

of doubt, Leeds Beckett does not award the SQE1 or SQE2 as part of this, or any other, programme – the SQE comprises externally set assessments overseen by the SRA.

The curriculum and structure of the course has been designed to develop practical, digital and employability skills. Students will participate in a range of learning activities and assessment tasks over the course of their studies. This includes classroom based legal skills lessons, developing skills in each of the foundational areas tested on the SQE 2. Students will also spend one day a week in the Law Clinic and Support Through Court, developing their skills with real clients through practical experience. At each stage they will be supported to become independent learners in the discipline of professional legal practice skills and have the opportunity to develop the skills, knowledge and competencies required for ultimate qualification as a solicitor. In doing so, the PG Cert prepares students for work-based learning, it allows them to understand and explore concepts of professionalism and the demands of professional practice. Students who successfully complete the PG Cert will have a range of skills and attributes on graduation as a solid foundation upon which to build their professional legal career.

Teaching and learning activities

The student cohort for PG Cert Professional Legal Practice Skills will typically be diverse - students studying Law at Leeds Law School come from a wide range of backgrounds. As level 7 students, support is provided during the course to develop the students' capacity to be sophisticated, independent, critical thinkers, able to apply their knowledge with originality within advanced academic and professional contexts.

Learning and teaching activities may include recorded material, lectures, and seminars. Learning tasks and assessments are aligned to the SRA's approach to assessment under SQE2 (practice-based legal skills), and practice-based research. In addition, module materials provide a framework for experiential and practice-based learning. Seminar preparation and activities are designed to challenge students, requiring them to adapt to different situations, employ different skills and perform similar tasks to those they might be required to do in the workplace. The Law Clinic and Support Through Court allow students to take what they have learnt in the classroom and develop them in real life situations with clients. Students are encouraged to reflect on tasks and be more mindful of what they are doing and why, and of how the skills they are learning might be used in different situations to practically apply knowledge and theory to a legal working environment and the conduct of realistic practice-based transactions.

Course structure

This information is correct for students progressing through the course within standard timescales. If you have to repeat study or take time out during your course, you may be taught alternative modules which meet the overall course learning outcomes.

The option modules listed may vary. Those listed here are likely to be offered in a typical year.

Level 7

Compulsory modules

Module title	Credits	Semester/ teaching period
Legal Skills	30	1
Practice-Based Research Project	30	1

Number of credits of compulsory modules	60	
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Assessment and feedback

The balance of assessment may change depending on which option modules you choose.

Level 7

The course is assessed by a combination of written legal skills assignments, oral legal skills assessments and an extended practice-based research project.

Workload

You can expect to spend a total of 100 hours learning per 10 credits.

Typically, a student on this course can expect to divide their time like this:

Overall Workload	Level 7
Teaching, learning and assessment	143 hours
Independent study	457 hours