

Your next step to becoming a Lawyer

Practical Legal Training



Faculty of Law



Becoming a lawyer

Did you know you need to complete practical legal training to be admitted to legal practice?

If you are looking to use your legal qualification to start a career in legal practice, you can add practical legal training to your degree at UTS. Practical legal training (PLT) is a mandatory requirement for admission to practise law in NSW, and UTS will get you there.

LEGAL PRACTITIONERS, LAWYERS, SOLICITORS AND BARRISTERS

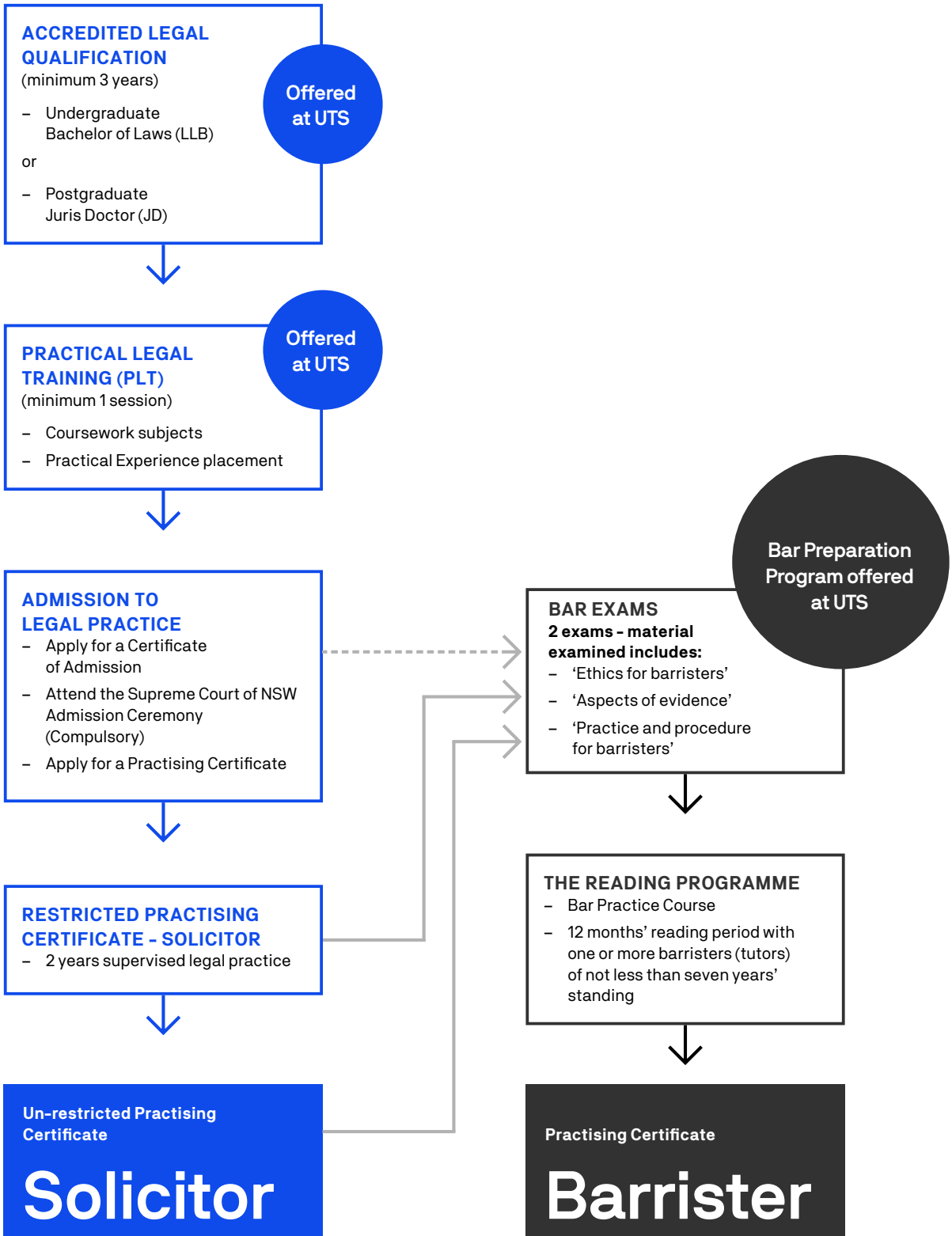
The Supreme Court of NSW may admit a person to the Australian legal profession as an Australian lawyer if the person holds an Australian practising certificate. A practising certificate is obtained through completing PLT at UTS.

Legal practitioner and lawyer are broad terms that refer to both solicitors and barristers. For the most part, solicitors provide general legal advice to their clients. Their role also includes settling disputes, drafting documents, directing negotiations and/or representing their clients in court or tribunal proceedings.

Barristers are specialist advocates and spend the majority of their practice presenting cases in court or formal hearings on behalf of their clients. Barristers are likely to specialise in certain areas of the law, for example criminal law. They also provide specialist legal advice and act as mediators, arbitrators, referees or conciliators. Barristers are independent practitioners and are generally referred clients by solicitors who provide the background 'brief' on a case.



UTS LAW: ONE STOP LEGAL EDUCATION



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Why study your PLT at UTS?



You'll experience university-standard teaching combined with interactive content and practice-oriented exercises that bridge the gap between knowledge and professional practice. You'll develop the advanced knowledge and skills required for a legal career, including judgement, adaptability and an ethical mindset.



BUILD YOUR CONFIDENCE IN A FLEXIBLE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

- Practise court advocacy skills in our state-of-the-art facilities. You'll get the opportunity to use our moot and trial courts specially designed to reflect the NSW Supreme and District Courts.
- Seamlessly transition from academic studies to professional training in a supportive setting. As a UTS student, you will already be familiar with the university's systems, resources, and campus environment, allowing you to focus wholly on enhancing your legal skills while ensuring you have the necessary emotional and academic support systems in place. You'll also have access to dedicated student spaces including level 14 and the Postgraduate Lounge.



PRACTICAL SKILLS TAUGHT BY EXPERTS

- Get hands-on with course content that mirrors real work in the profession, helping you master the skills to succeed as a lawyer.
- Learn from leading practitioners, including barristers, solicitors and in-house counsel who are specialists in their fields.
- Study with a trailblazing university – UTS was the first university in Sydney to offer practical legal training.



BENEFIT FROM REAL VALUE

- As an LLB or JD graduate from any Australian university, you will receive automatic credit recognition, so you only pay for 75% of the program; 18 credit points (cp) of the total 24 credit point program.
- And if you're a UTS alumni, you may also receive a further 10% discount on fees through the UTS Alumni Advantage Program.



“The UTS program has a sterling reputation – it’s taught by real practitioners with no hand waving of the important stuff. The academics were excellent and always offered immediate and unblemished feedback.”

NICHOLAS COMMINS
LEGAL COUNSEL, CYBERCX

What you'll learn

The PLT program consists of the 4 subjects set out in the table below. Students who do not have a university law degree are required to complete an additional postgraduate elective. Practical experience is 0 credit points and no fees.

Course	Transactional Practice	Litigation and Estate Practice	Legal and Professional Skills	Practical Experience
Course code	75422	75423	75424	75411

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

As part of your PLT, you'll get the chance to dive into the real world of legal work for 13 weeks of full-time or equivalent part-time work experience. It's not about the credits; it's about the hands-on experience you gain in a legal office setting. We want you to reach the level of a starting lawyer, and if you've already had some legal work experience before joining us, you may be eligible to have those days counted too. Your practical experience matters, and we're here to help you make the most of it. Find out more [here](#).



Enrolment and fees

ENROLMENT

The PLT can be undertaken as part of the Bachelor of Laws (using electives) or upon completion of your Bachelor of Laws, combined Bachelor of Laws degree, Juris Doctor or combined Juris Doctor degree.

If you are a current Bachelor of Laws student, you can undertake the PLT as part of your elective suite. You can enrol in these subjects as you would any other elective. Subjects will be charged the same as any other undergraduate elective.

If you undertake the PLT as a standalone qualification after completing your Bachelor of Laws or JD, you will be enrolled in the **Graduate Certificate in Professional Legal Practice**. Students can also choose to combine their PLT with the JD as part of the JD Plus. You can apply for these courses through the **application portal**.

2024 ALUMNI ADVANTAGE

If you are a UTS alumnus, you may be eligible for a 10% reduction in fees through the Alumni Advantage Program. JD and Bachelor of Laws alumni are also eligible for 6cps of recognition of prior learning (RPL). This is a combined saving of approximately \$3,900 for domestic students.

2024 Fees*	Domestic Students: Australian citizens & permanent residents, and New Zealand citizens	International Students: Overseas and international citizens
Full Fee for complete program	\$12,020	\$17,845
Reduced fee with 6cp RPL	\$9,015	\$13,384
Reduced fee with 6cp RPL and Alumni Advantage 10% discount	\$8,114	\$12,046

*2024 Fees are correct for 2024 tuition and are revised annually, with the new fees effective from the start of each calendar year. Please check the **fees calculator** for the most up-to-date information. In addition to tuition fees, students are required to pay a **Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF)**. The purchase of textbooks and other course materials may also result in additional costs.

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