

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

How can I do an independent practicum?

You need to find and arrange your own placement. Many places solicit applications for interns during the semester. After getting an offer, you can fill out the independent practicum application. Once approved, you need to find a full-time faculty member to act as your faculty supervisor.

Do I need to be supervised by an attorney at the placement?

Yes. You must engage in legal work under the supervision of an attorney to get credit.

What other requirements are there for supervision at the placement?

Your supervising attorney must be able to meet with you regularly and to give you feedback on your work. They will also be required to evaluate you at the mid-point and the end of semester and follow the practicum guidelines.

Can I work at a for-profit placement?

Yes, but such placements may receive an extra level of scrutiny to ensure that they are a good learning experience. Further, you are prohibited from receiving pay while earning credit for your practicum.

Can I apply for an independent practicum even though I have worked at the placement before?

It is possible to apply for a repeat practicum. You must justify in your application how you will be engaging in more advanced legal work given your prior experience.

Are there any rules about who I choose for my faculty supervisor?

You can ask anyone as long as they are a full-time faculty member. Some students ask a faculty member with whom they already have a preexisting relationship; others ask a faculty member who has expertise in the subject area of the practicum.

What if I have applied but have not heard back yet from the placement and it is getting close to the independent practicum deadline?

Please reach out to Dean Lee about this situation in advance of the deadline.

Is it okay if my work is entirely remote?

Yes, as long as you have regular meetings with your attorney supervisor and they give you feedback on your work.