

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
NEW YORK STATE BAR SKILLS AND VALUES REQUIREMENT
PATHWAY 1 CERTIFICATION

All students who seek admission to the New York State Bar must satisfy the New York State Bar Skills and Values Requirement under Section 520.18 to the Rules for the Admission of Attorneys and Counselors at Law (22 NYCRR § 520.18). This requirement applies to all students who commenced coursework toward the Juris Doctor degree after August 1, 2016 and all foreign-educated students who are required to complete an LLM program at an ABA-approved law school (*see* 22 NYCRR § 520.6[b]) who commenced coursework toward the LLM degree after August 1, 2018. There are five pathways to satisfy this requirement. Under Pathway 1 (§ 520.18(a)(1)), Saint Louis University School of Law will certify students as having basic competence and the ability to participate ethically in the legal profession upon successful completion of the following requirements:

1. **Legal Research and Writing I (3 credits):** This course introduces students to the legal system; analysis of the judicial, legislative and administrative processes; basic legal sources; techniques of legal research; use of digests, reporters, encyclopedias, annotated cases, statutes, citators and reference books; methods of legal analysis and approaching research problems; writing style and technique; and various memoranda and appellate briefs, and oral arguments.
2. **Legal Profession (3 credits):** This course examines the duties of lawyers to the profession, their clients and the larger community.
3. **Seminar (2 credits):** A seminar course involves faculty-supervised extensive research, writing a substantial research paper, and discussion on varying topics.
4. **Experiential Course Requirement (6 credits):** Courses meeting this requirement are designed to provide students with the experience of applying legal theory and skills to simulated or real client matters. Students may satisfy this requirement by successfully completing six credits of coursework designed as “Experiential,” which may include representing clients under faculty supervision in the legal clinics or field placements, or by taking courses which provide students with the opportunity to practice legal skills in a variety of simulated client situations.

Appendix

Part 520. Rules of the New York Court of Appeals For the Admission of Attorneys and Counselors at Law

§520.18 Skills Competency Requirement for Admission.

(a) General. Every applicant for admission to practice, other than applicants for admission without examination pursuant to section 520.10 of this Part, or applicants who qualify for the bar examination under section 520.4 or 520.5 of this Part, shall demonstrate that the applicant

skills competency requirement.

(4) Apprenticeship. An applicant may complete a six-

practice was for at least one year or half-time for two years, in full compliance with the jurisdiction's rules. For an applicant who qualifies for the bar exam after completion of an LL.M. degree pursuant to section 520.6 of this Part, the applicant's practice may occur before or after commencement of the LL.M. program.

(b) Proof required. An applicant shall submit to the appropriate Appellate Division department of Supreme Court an Affidavit of Compliance with the Skills Competency Requirement. The Appellate Division may, in its discretion, require the applicant to submit any additional proof it deems necessary to ensure compliance with this section.

(c) Implementation. For applicants who qualify for the bar examination under section 520.3 of this Part, and for applicants who qualify for the bar examination under section 520.6 of this Part on the basis of their foreign legal education alone, the requirements of this section shall first apply to those commencing their law study after August 1, 2016. For applicants who qualify for the bar examination under section 520.6 of this Part after the completion of a qualifying LL.M. program, the requirements of this section shall first apply to those commencing their LL.M. program after August 1, 2018.

For additional information, including Frequently Asked Questions about specific pathways, see <http://www.nycourts.gov/ctapps/news/skills.pdf>.