FAQs for Onsite/Remote Professional Practice (ORP): LAW 4328/4330/5050

Will Professional Practice be delivered remotely?
Due to the social distancing requirements which COVID-19 has created, we have needed to adapt the offering of LAW4328, LAW4330 and LAW5050 to a hybrid remote and onsite program. In these circumstances, these units will be offered to students with both onsite and remote delivery: **ORP.**
All the Professional Practice units have been modified to continue to provide an enriching experiential learning opportunity for law students that is equivalent to that normally enjoyed on-site by students enrolled in these units. We will also continue to provide legal services to clients who are disadvantaged either through financial hardship or other circumstances.
ORP has the additional dimension of educating students about technological advances in legal practice and equipping them with technological proficiency for their future roles as legal practitioners.
Through the ORP, students will learn how to use technology effectively to assist clients, including using technology to develop communication skills to interact with clients. The ORP provides an opportunity for students to learn about and implement technological systems to assist clients to access justice.

How will the ORP work?
As needed, students and supervisors will be located onsite at our various clinics in Clayton, City, Springvale and Narre Warren. Students will be required to attend the unit as per the workload requirements of the unit. For further information on the workload requirements please consult the handbook entry for your particular unit.
On session day, onsite at the various clinics, students will engage in telephone or zoom interviews with clients under supervision. Students will, under supervision do follow up work on clients' matters.
On priority day, students will make arrangements to meet with supervisors, individually, and work on client files as needed.
Students will attend seminars via zoom. The seminar timetable and zoom links will be uploaded to the moodle page for each unit. As part of their assessment, students will work in groups on community engagement projects and reflect on their experiences. For further information on the assessment requirements, please consult the handbook entry for your particular unit.

The duration of the unit is 14 weeks for 12 credit points?
The duration of the unit is 14 weeks for 12 credit points. During the first and last two weeks of the unit, outgoing students will changeover all their matters with incoming students.

Will the Orientation Program be onsite?
The Orientation Program will be delivered on zoom. You will be notified of the date for Orientation once you have been offered a place in the unit. A timetable of the Orientation will be provided to students. During this time, students will be given training and guidance as to how the unit will be delivered remotely. Further training will be provided to students at seminars during the clinical period.

Will I need to know any specific tech for this unit?

You do not need any specific tech knowledge for this unit. All students will be guided as to how the unit will run and the technology required for the unit.

Will I have any face-to-face time with my supervisor?
Supervisors will schedule individual meetings and group meetings with students throughout the clinical period.

Will I engage with clients face-to-face during the unit?
In suitable circumstances, it may be necessary for clients to attend the clinics. Supervisors will instruct students in this regard.