THE DISTINGUISHING FEATURE of the Law School’s program in health law is its collaboration with the University’s School of Medicine and its Medical Center, which is consistently ranked among the nation’s top hospitals.

At Virginia, law students can study health law in the clinical setting, interacting with medical students and physicians from all medical specialties, including pediatrics, neurology, internal medicine (infectious disease and geriatrics) and psychiatry.

Law faculty teach in the School of Medicine and Medical School professors teach Law School classes. This collaboration extends to health policy experts in the Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, the Darden School of Business, and the Schools of Architecture, Arts & Sciences, Engineering and Nursing.

Students benefit from viewing the regulatory context through the eyes of physicians, inventors, health care administrators and experts from a variety of fields.

J.D.-M.P.H. (PUBLIC HEALTH) PROGRAM

In conjunction with the Department of Public Health Sciences at the School of Medicine, the Law School offers a dual degree in public health through a program directed by Professors Ruth Gaeber Bernheim and Richard Bonnie. Students have access to graduate courses in health policy and management, health economics, ethics, global health, social and behavioral health, environmental health and research methodology.

Instituted in 2003, the M.P.H. program offers concentrations in generalist practice and research, health policy, and law and ethics, and includes field placement options in global health, health policy and public health sites. The program takes four years to complete and requires a minimum of 116 credits.
J.D.-M.D. PROGRAM

Designed to educate the next generation of health leaders, the J.D.-M.D. program allows students to complete law and medical degrees in six years, instead of the seven years normally required if the degrees were pursued separately. Students spend the first three years and the summer of year five in classes at the School of Medicine, and years four and five at the Law School. In the final year, one semester is spent in each school. Students are required to secure admission separately to the School of Medicine and UVA Law.

CLINIC

Students in the yearlong Health Law Clinic help represent mentally ill and elderly clients in negotiations, administrative hearings and court proceedings. The legal matters may involve civil rights, mental health care in jails and prisons, disability benefits claims, access to health or rehabilitative services, creating wills and other testamentary documents, and advance directives.

COURSES AND SEMINARS

Aging and the Law
Bioethics and Law Internship Seminar, Health Policy and Administration
Bioethics and the Law
Bioethics and the Law Seminar
Current Issues in Drug Law and Policy
Current Issues in Law and Psychological Science

Drug Product Liability Litigation:
Principles and Practice
Food and Drug Law
Genetics and the Law
Global Health Law and Policy
Health Care Marketplace: Competition, Regulation and Reform
Health Law Survey
Implicit Bias and the Law
Law and Business Management in the Health Care Sector

Law of Body Parts
Law of Human Experimentation
Medical Malpractice and Health Care Quality
Medicare Coverage, Payment and Compliance
Mental Health Issues in Juvenile Justice
New Medical Law
New Frontiers in Health Law and Clinical Ethics
Public Health Law and Ethics

Regulating Addictive Drugs
Reproductive Ethics and Law
Social Science of Health Equity
Special Topics in Health Law

Tobacco and Firearms: Preventing Deaths and Protecting Rights

CLINIC

Health Law Clinic

THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA MEDICAL CENTER was ranked the No. 1 hospital in Virginia in the 2017 U.S. News & World Report rankings.

FACULTY: UVA HAS LEADING SCHOLARS IN THE FIELDS OF PUBLIC HEALTH, BIOETHICS AND HEALTH LAW.

Professor James Childress, a noted bioethicist, is co-director of the Institute for Practice Ethics and Public Life. Lois Shepherd, the author of “If That Ever Happens to Me: Making Life and Death Decisions after Terri Schiavo,” teaches bioethics and reproductive ethics at the Law School.

Childress and Professors Richard Bonnie and Ruth Gaare Bernheim have co-authored casebooks on public law health and ethics. A wide range of professors and doctors teach courses in the program or on related subjects.

SCHOOL OF LAW

RICHARD J. BONNIE
mental health law, health law, aging and the law, bioethics, public health law
DEBORAH HELLMAN
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DOUGLAS LESLIE
health law and policy
JULIA MAHONEY
reproductive technologies
DAYNA BOWEN
MATTHEW health law and policy, health equity, environmental health
GREGORY MITCHELL
law and psychology
JOHN MONAHAN
mental health law
MARGARET FOSTER RILEY
bioethics, biotechnology, food and drug law, health law
GIL SIEGAL
health law, bioethics

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND UVA

RUTH GAARE BERNHEIM
public health, bioethics
DONNA CHEN
psychiatry and bioethics
JAMES CHILDRESS
bioethics
BRUCE COHEN
psychiatry
DEWEY CORNELL
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REBECCA DILLINGHAM
global health
CAROLYN ENGELHARD
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psychiatry
M. NORMAN OLIVER
family medicine
LOIS SHEPHERD
disability law, health and policy
JANET WARREN
psychiatry
CAMERON WEBB
health law and equity

BATTEN SCHOOL AND UVA

RANDALL LUTTER
economics, regulation
CHRISTOPHER RUHM
economics, health policy
RAYMOND SCHEPPACH
politics, health policy

VISITING FACULTY

The Sadie Lewis Webb Visiting Professorship brings to the Law School eminent scholars such as ALBERT R. JONSEN, professor emeritus of the University of Washington, TIMOTHY S. JOST from Washington and Lee University, and R. ALTA CHIAR

of Wisconsin law and medical schools.