The Certificate in Advocacy program emphasizes the development of knowledge, skills and values necessary for effective advocacy and client representation.

This program is designed for current J.D. students who have a particular interest in advocacy, including litigation, mediation and arbitration.

The certificate program will make graduates more attractive candidates to prospective employers and will equip those graduates who decide to “hang out a shingle” after they graduate to “hit the ground running.”

**CURRICULUM**

**REQUIRED COURSES**
Students choose a minimum of 9 credit hours from the skills training requirement list and at least 9 credit hours from the experiential course list.

**ELECTIVE COURSES**
Students take a selection of litigation, advocacy and other law classes to complete the certificate.

**WRITING REQUIREMENT**
Students must complete a substantial writing project on a related topic.

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**
Students may participate in advocacy extracurricular activities, such as:
- Workshops and training sessions
- Client-focused projects
- Work with affiliated faculty as a GRA
- Summer internship placements

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ADVOCACY CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS OFFERED IN GEORGIA

**18+**
CREDIT HOURS TO COMPLETE A CERTIFICATE IN ADVOCACY

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RANKED TRIAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM*

**#27**
RANKED CLINICAL TRAINING PROGRAM*

* U.S. News & World Report 2021
Participation in the trial advocacy program and mock trial competitions gave me a competitive edge for a summer associate position and increased my confidence in my litigation skills.

– Racquel McGee (J.D. '20)