

Prelaw Summer Programs

List as of 5/1/13

LSAC List, usually produced by Kent Lollis. You can find this list by googling: "Isac conditional admission programs"

Direct Link: <http://www.lsac.org/docs/default-source/jd-docs/conditional-admission-programs.pdf>

Conditional Admission Program (As of 5.1.2013)

1. Appalachian School of Law
2. Charlotte School of Law
3. University of Detroit Mercy School of Law
4. University of the District of Columbia—David A. Clarke School of Law
Faulkner University, Thomas Goode Jones School of Law Florida A&M
University College of Law
5. Florida Coastal School of Law
6. The John Marshall Law School (Chicago)
7. Loyola University New Orleans College of Law
8. Michigan State University College of Law
9. New York Law School
10. North Carolina Central University School of Law
11. Nova Southeastern University—Shepard Broad Law Center Oklahoma
City University School of Law
12. Phoenix School of Law
13. Saint John's University School of Law
14. Saint Louis University School of Law
15. St. Mary's University School of Law
16. St. Thomas University School of Law (Miami)
17. The University of South Dakota School of Law
18. Texas Southern University—Thurgood Marshall School of Law Texas
Wesleyan School of Law
19. The Thomas M. Cooley Law School
20. Whittier Law School
21. Widener University School of Law

Additional Notes

- Prices range from free to several thousand dollars for each program. There are some administrative costs with paying faculty to teach and for books/handouts for the program. That is either absorbed by the law school or paid by the enrolled students.
- Some schools offer scholarships/discounts/payment plans for those that can't pay for the program.
- Most programs are in the 4 week range covering some substantive law classes and some writing experience. Classes are generally taught using the socratic method, to give them the most realistic experience possible in preparing them.
- Programs typically have some sort of grading involved, most programs that I have researched do not automatically matric everyone who enters the program.
- I suspect that some schools might consider temporarily suspending their programs as the application volume has declined over the last several years. The reason for this is that for most of the conditional admission programs, schools tend to target someone who they likely will wait list. The conditional admission programs give the prospective students a chance to "perform" in a real law school environment. For schools that have seen a decline in application volume, they are managing their wait lists differently and admitting people now that they would have normally invited to participate in a summer program.
- Some schools (and now private providers) are offering jump start programs. A couple of schools that I found that are doing such are Roger Williams, Charlotte, Vermont, Whittier. While jump start programs are not conditional, they do provide students an opportunity to acclimate to the culture of the law school, prior to the busy schedule that occurs during orientation.

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