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Office of Pre-law Advising

*The Rural Legal Practice Initiative*

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Nearly one-third of Kansas' 3 million citizens live in rural communities, communities which are too often underserved by legal practices. The Rural Legal Practice Initiative is for select K-State declared pre-law students who are interested in addressing the need for quality legal services in the state's rural communities and in the practice of law.

Participants will gain knowledge and insight concerning the varied legal practice required of rural practitioners as well as develop an understanding of concepts and information needed to successfully complete law school.

### Program goals

- Expose students to the wide variety of careers available in rural communities
- Provide experiential learning through:
  - Mentoring experiences
  - Individual and group immersion trips
  - Interaction with guest speakers

### Seminars and professional experiences

Seminars and professional experiences will vary based on availability and interest. Some examples:

- Legal ethics and professionalism
- Oil and gas law basics
- Family law
- Water and land use
- Legal skills for beginning attorneys
- Rural practice from an appellate judge

### Pre-enrollment

K-State students with an interest in the program must have declared the pre-law major at the time they apply for the program. Prospective students will apply for admission in the second semester of their sophomore year and must obtain a 3.2 GPA or higher to be accepted. Students who successfully complete a required number of co-curricular enrichment activities earn a recognition certificate.

### Transition to law school

Students will work alongside Washburn Law faculty and staff as well as law practitioners. Program participants are not guaranteed admission to Washburn University School of Law, although applications are welcome.

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