Clinical and Externship Program Questions and Answers

How do I register for a clinic or externship?
Students are not allowed to register for clinics or externships without prior approval. Students must submit an application(s) to Zoraya Ledesma either in person or e-mail (ledesmaz@fiu.edu). Once selection for participation has been made by the clinical and/or externship faculty, a list is submitted to the registrar’s office and the students are then registered for the course by this office. In the meantime, the student should register for regular courses while decisions are made. Also a student with a 2.4 GPA or less should have approval from Dean Schulze prior to submitting their application. The approval must be attached to the application.

How many clinics or externships can I apply for and do I need to submit an application for each choice?
Students can apply for more than one clinic or externship. On the application, you have the option of listing your top three choices. Only one application is needed. However, a student cannot enroll in both a legal clinic and externship within the same semester.

Whom can I speak to if I have questions or need advice regarding the experiential program?
Please contact Ms. Zoraya Ledesma at 305-348-7541 or e-mail her at ledesmaz@fiu.edu to schedule an appointment. NOTE: Ms. Ledesma will be happy to answer any general questions concerning registration.

Do I need to be certified to take a clinic?
You do not need to be certified for participation in most of our law clinics. However, students appearing in state court must be certified by the Florida Supreme Court as legal interns. In order to be certified, you must have:

- completed 48 credit hours at a law school;
- received your letter of clearance from the Board of Bar Examiners and
- be accepted into a clinic or externship.