

LEGAL RESEARCH CERTIFICATE

Program Description

The path to a legal solution travels many roads and can often take a detour depending on the information lawyers uncover as they search for answers. Whether you're a paralegal, law clerk, or business leader, this certificate program from Cornell Law School will help you explore strategies and resources that lawyers use to find law and legal precedent and identify how they apply that information to find solutions for their clients.

Cornell Law School Professor Kim Nayer will guide you as you discover legal resources that even nonlawyers can access in libraries or online, for free, including a template for developing a research strategy. You will also explore how lawyers across practice areas use specialized knowledge management systems, tools, and artificial intelligence products in their quest for legal solutions.

By the end of the program, you will be able to see a legal question from a lawyer's perspective, understand how they develop a strategy for approaching legal research, and determine the best resources for the specific legal information a lawyer needs.

The courses in this certificate program are required to be completed in the order that they appear.

Key Takeaways

- Develop an understanding of the legal research process and strategy that lawyers use
- Discern information from misinformation
- Access legal information through tech tools and knowledge management resources
- Use general and specialized resources to identify the issues a lawyer would examine in a case and strategize a legal research process
- Discover limitations in legal research and analysis for people who aren't lawyers and don't have access to specialized databases, tech tools, and knowledge management resources

What You'll Earn

- Legal Research Certificate from Cornell Law School
- 48 Professional Development Hours (4.8 CEUs)

Who Should Enroll

- Paralegals and legal assistants
- Law clerks
- Legal secretaries and administrative assistants
- Pre-law students
- Managers, executives, and professionals who work with counsel
- Compliance and risk management professionals
- Professionals working in highly regulated industries
- Auditors
- Founders and entrepreneurs
- Librarians and aspiring law librarians

- Legal publishers and editors
- Journalists

Total Investment

- 2 months to complete all the courses

How to Enroll

For more information on how to enroll, please visit Legal Research Certificate (<https://ecornell.cornell.edu/certificates/law/legal-research/>).

Courses

Code	Title	Hours
eCornell LAW601	Creating a Legal Research Strategy	0
eCornell LAW602	Selecting Legal Research Sources	0
eCornell LAW603	Applying Strategic Legal Research	0