

TITLE: Professor Jeff Giddings on the 'Legal Practice Centre'

PROFESSOR JEFF GIDDINGS:

For more than a decade, the Legal Practice Centre has provided professional training that's tailored specifically to the needs of our students. We offer a suite of programs that open doors to a range of professions.

For the legal professionals of tomorrow we offer our practical legal training program, that's what is required of students seeking admission as a legal practitioner.

We also provide the program that's required to work as a migration agent and we have a graduate certificate in dispute resolution, which is linked to the dispute resolution branch of the Queensland Department of Justice and Attorney General. So, if you wanted to work as a mediator, as a negotiator, then that's the program.

We also offer a graduate certificate in professional legal studies for non-lawyers who need to understand and apply laws.

At the Legal Practice Centre we combine expertise in both law related professional practice and education. Really what your getting is folks who -- you get the chance to get to work with folks who have extensive professional experience and they're also expert teachers.

We describe our approach to our programs as having a personal touch, which is designed to see students working closely with expert practitioners. And its really about tailoring the programs so that they work for the individual students.

Not everyone is the same, some people are going to value that close work with experts, others are happy to develop their ability more independently. Well what we try and do is fit with what's going to work for those individual students.