

# Module Specification

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## Module Details

<b>Module Title</b>	O Shaped Lawyer Skills
<b>Programme(s)</b>	Master of Laws (LLM in Legal Practice) Developing Legal Professionals
<b>Credits</b>	20
<b>Core or Elective</b>	Elective
<b>Pre-requisites</b>	None
<b>FHEQ Level</b>	7
<b>Workload</b>	200 hours, consisting of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-paced interaction with the course and resources, personal study (160 hours)</li> <li>• Assessment and preparation for assessment, including interaction with personal supervisor: (40 hours)</li> </ul>

## Module Outline & Competencies

**Module Description** This module develops competency in legal business skills, that is, key people skills and attributes needed by learners entering legal practice and adjusting to the workplace environment.

As such it is one of several modules making up the College's Developing Legal Professionals portfolio of modules in the College's LL.M in Legal Practice programme which is for graduates starting out on their pre-qualification journey of professional legal education and focuses on developing transactional, behavioural and practical proficiency in a legal services business through innovative learning methods.

**Learning Outcomes** By successfully completing this module, the learner will be able to:

1. Explain the applicability of core O Shaped Lawyer skills and attributes in the context of working in a professional legal services environment;
2. Analyse the economics of professional legal services and evaluate the potential applications of legal technology from both provider and client perspectives
3. Analyse and evaluate issues that arise in the context of a legal services business, and propose O Shaped Lawyer based solutions that meet the needs and interests of, variously, clients, the business, and individual lawyers;

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4. Recognise the complementary nature of and interaction between O Shaped Lawyer skills and attributes in the provision of legal services;
  5. Critically evaluate and reflect on the ability to apply O Shaped Lawyer skills and attitudes to achieve positive solutions within a professional services environment; and
  6. Develop a personal career and development plan integrating O Shaped Lawyer skills and attributes.
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**Module Content** The module content includes online instruction, written resources and audio-visual media presentations, interactive engagement, application of relevant skills to scenarios and in creating outputs, personal reflection, and personal supervision.

In particular, students will be enabled to develop expert, specialised cognitive and technical skills to analyse critically, reflect on, and synthesise information and concepts to facilitate the resolution of legal problems within the context of a legal services business.

The skills and approaches set out above will be developed in the context of a range of learning activities.

Learning activities include:

1. Understanding the O Shaped Lawyer skills and attributes through media, self-testing and scenario-based learning
2. Identifying, critically analysing and evaluating the relevant skill and associated behaviours, and
3. Evaluating the practical and commercial considerations involved in meeting client and business objectives through the use of O Shaped Lawyer skills and attributes.

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**Assessment** Learners will be assessed through the following:

- A reflective learning journal developed throughout the module
- Analyses of a number of short scenarios
- A portfolio of three submitted outputs
- A reflective analysis of the three submitted outputs

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**Link with competencies** The competency frameworks that underpin the learning outcomes for this module are:

1. The Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) National Qualifications Framework Outcome classification description for FHEQ Level 7; and
2. The College's Masters degree Competence Framework.

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The:

- a) learning outcomes are directed to the development; and
- b) criteria for assessment of achievement are directed to the measurement;

of competencies in key transactional skills at Masters level with the object of developing autonomy in the learner to the extent expected of a newly qualified lawyer utilising the business skills in this module.

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**Link with FHEQ  
criteria**

This module carries credits at FHEQ level 7 which will count towards the award of a Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and the College's LLM in Legal Practice.

As such the underpinning FHEQ level criteria are those set out in The Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) National Qualifications Framework Outcome classification description for FHEQ Level 7 contextualised for professional development through study and learning on a professional/practice-based Master of Laws as described in the QAA's Characteristics Statement for Master's Degrees February 2020.

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