Transition-to-Practice Requirement

The Requirement:

For students who began their law school career in the Fall 2013 semester or later, one “Transition-to-Practice” (TtP) course is required to be taken prior to graduation. The TtP requirement can be fulfilled through either a capstone course taken in a student’s third or fourth year or through a clinic taken at any point during a student’s law school career. To see a list of TtP courses offered in a particular semester, please view the Transition-to-Practice schedule on the Course Schedule website.

Double Counting Rules pertaining to other Graduation Requirements

Some TtP courses may also meet the Professional Skills or Upper-Level Writing graduation requirements. Here are the rules which govern the use of one TtP course to satisfy the Skills or Writing requirements:

1. If a student completes a TtP course of 3 to 5 credits and this course does not involve completion of work towards the upper-level writing requirement, then this course meets both the TtP requirement and the Professional Skills requirement.
2. If a student completes a TtP course of 3 to 5 credits and within this same course, the student completes either a qualifying course paper (academic/scholarly writing requirement) or a portfolio (practice-oriented writing requirement), then the student has an option. He or she can use this course to count towards both the TtP requirement and the upper-level writing requirement (practice-oriented writing requirement or academic/scholarly writing requirement) or he or she can use this course to count towards both the TtP requirement and the Professional Skills requirement. If the former, the student must complete another Professional Skills course. If the latter, the student must satisfy that portion of the writing requirement through another writing requirement satisfying course.
3. If a student completes a 6 credit clinic to satisfy the TtP requirement and completes a portfolio within this clinic, he or she will fulfill the TtP requirement, the Professional Skills requirement, and the practice-oriented writing requirement all within this one course.

Please note: A student must receive a passing grade within the course to satisfy the TtP and Professional Skills requirements. To satisfy either portion of the upper-level writing requirement, a student must earn a grade of ‘B-’ or better in the course.