

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

Fall 2025 - Spring 2026
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The Community Economic Development Clinic (CEDC) is a transactional (non-litigation) clinic designed to assist communities within the Denver metropolitan area by providing free transactional legal services to nonprofit corporations, small businesses, and other community-based enterprises. CED is the practice of working with community-based organizations seeking to improve their economic and social conditions through projects that are supported and led by community members. The CED supports these efforts by counseling and advising organizational clients and small business owners about business law and community development issues.

What are the benefits of taking this clinic?

Students will learn transactional practice skills that are transferable to all types of transactional practice, including client counseling, drafting, research and planning, project management, advocacy, and understanding group dynamics. Client work may include drafting corporate formation documents; assisting nonprofit organizations with applications for recognition of tax exemption and maintenance of tax-exempt status; drafting contracts; acting as general counsel to nonprofit corporations and small businesses; working with federal, state, and local government agencies; and assisting with community-based revitalization efforts and other economic development projects. In addition, students may research issues related to public policies that affect clinic clients and provide community education workshops on substantive law issues.

Are there any prerequisites?

There is no pre- or co-requisite.

Are classes required?

While the class time has not been set, classes will likely meet weekly on Tuesdays from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM. In addition, students must attend the mandatory fall 2025 orientation that will occur the week before the start of the fall semester.

How many credits will I receive?

Students are required to enroll for the full academic year, earning 12 credits in total—6 credits each semester. Throughout both semesters, students must participate in the classroom component and conduct client work. Half of the credits will be earned through in-class activities, while the other half will come from out-of-class client work.

What kind of time commitment is involved?

The CED Clinic requires a substantial time commitment. Students should plan to spend an average of 20 hours per week participating in the class seminar and working on client matters with the expectation that some client work will require attendance at meetings that occur in the evening or during the weekend.

Where can I get more information?

- Online at law.du.edu/student-law-office and on our Instagram [@denver_law_clinical_programs](https://www.instagram.com/denver_law_clinical_programs).
- At our spring recruitment events in person at Sturm College of Law the week of March 3rd, 2025.
- At the Student Law Office located on the third floor of the Ricketson Law Building, open Monday - Thursday from 9am to 5pm.

How and when do I apply or register?

Applications can be found on the Clinical Programs website at law.du.edu/student-law-office.

- Online applications for the fall 2025 semester open **Mon March 3rd, 2025, at 9:00am**
- Online applications for the fall 2025 semester close **Sun March 10th, 2025, at 11:59pm**
Late Applications will not be considered