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Health care jobs are at the intersection of science, technology and the law

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For more than four decades, the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University has been an innovator in legal education in Westchester and beyond. As we serve the needs of our students, the community and the legal profession, we continue to develop cutting-edge scholarship and special programs that anticipate, explore and influence evolving areas of the law. Through our work, we direct our innovative spirit into emerging and re-emerging

realms of the law where we can play a decisive role in shaping policy and structuring practice.

The law school remains steadfastly rooted in our proud history of 'opportunities' - providing new opportunities for students who want to pursue the law and legal training, including those who may be somewhat non-traditional students. More than 8,500 students have come through our doors in White Plains from different walks of life and different backgrounds and left our campus to become attorneys in every field of the law. Many of the law

school's earliest graduates credit our former evening program with making them the lawyers they are today.

With this in mind, this spring, the law school announced our Flex J.D. The Flex J.D. is a new expanded part-time option available to our J.D. students. The Flex J.D. makes law school more accessible to working professionals, allowing part-time law students to take all of their required classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, as well as on Saturday mornings and online. This is ideal for those with full-time jobs or other family or personal obligations that

would prevent them from enrolling in a typical full-time J.D. program.

The Flex J.D. is the newest addition to a range of scheduling choices available to students studying at the law school. We offer a full-time, three-year J.D. program that begins in the fall, a full-time 2.5 year J.D. program that begins in January and a part-time weekday J.D. program. With the Flex J.D., any of our part-time students can choose between taking their classes during the day, evenings/weekends or in some combination that works for them.

We are also making sure

we are meeting the needs of a changing legal landscape. This is why the law school is reviving its certificate in Health Law and Policy, which will provide students with skills to excel in the booming health care field.

Careers related to the health care and biotech industries are on the rise. Whether you look in downtown White Plains where new medical buildings are opening or at the proposed North 60 project that will provide a biotech and life sciences hub for Westchester, you can see the new opportunities. Health care jobs sit at the

intersection of science, technology and the law. Skilled lawyers will be needed in so many areas of this field, including understanding the implications of new regulations, advising health-related corporations and organizations on transactional and compliance matters and influencing policy. This certificate program is one more tool they will have to help them compete for high-quality, high-demand jobs.

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