

One-Month Internship Training Program on Organ Donation Law and Living Will Awareness For Law and Medical Students

Objective

To equip law and medical students with a comprehensive understanding of organ donation laws and living will guidelines, and to engage them in awareness campaigns aimed at law and medical schools and society at large.

Program Structure

Week 1: Orientation and Legal Framework

Objective: Familiarize students with the legal and ethical aspects of organ donation and living wills.

1. **Day 1: Introduction to the Program**
 - Ice-breaking session and introduction to the program's objectives.
 - Overview of organ donation law and living will directives in India.
2. **Day 2-3: Legal Framework**
 - Detailed sessions on the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act (THOTA), 1994.
 - Supreme Court of India's judgment on living wills (*Common Cause v. Union of India*).
3. **Day 4: Ethical and Medical Perspectives**
 - Discussions on ethical dilemmas and medical protocols in organ donation.
4. **Day 5: Case Studies and Group Discussions**
 - Analysis of landmark cases and hypothetical scenarios.

Activity:

- Mock debate on balancing legal, ethical, and medical aspects of organ donation.

Week 2: Skills Development and Drafting

Objective: Train students on drafting legal documents and conducting research.

1. **Day 1-2: Drafting Skills**
 - Training on drafting living wills, consent forms, and legal agreements related to organ donation.
2. **Day 3-4: Research Methodology**
 - Guidance on researching laws and medical procedures.
3. **Day 5: Presentation Skills**
 - Tips for presenting findings and conducting public awareness sessions.

Activity:

- Draft living wills and simulate a legal consultation on organ donation laws.

Week 3: Community Engagement and Awareness Campaigns

Objective: Conduct awareness campaigns in collaboration with law and medical students.

1. **Day 1-2: Workshop Preparation**
 - o Plan and prepare workshops for medical and law schools.
2. **Day 3-4: Awareness Drives**
 - o Conduct workshops in law schools, medical schools, and public spaces.
 - o Topics: Importance of organ donation, legal procedures, and living wills.
3. **Day 5: Feedback and Reflection**
 - o Collect feedback from participants.
 - o Reflect on the impact of the campaigns.

Activity:

- Roleplay scenarios for explaining living wills and organ donation laws to the public.

Week 4: Outreach and Report Submission

Objective: Enhance outreach efforts and summarize learning outcomes.

1. **Day 1-3: Community Outreach**
 - o Conduct door-to-door awareness campaigns.
 - o Host an open session in a public forum or community center.
2. **Day 4: Preparing the Internship Report**
 - o Compile a report on activities, learnings, and suggestions for policy improvements.
3. **Day 5: Closing Ceremony**
 - o Presentation of reports and certificates.
 - o Panel discussion with legal and medical experts.

Activity:

- Create a short video or infographic summarizing key takeaways from the internship to share on social media platforms.

Expected Outcomes

1. Law students will gain in-depth knowledge of organ donation laws and living wills.
2. Increased awareness among law and medical students and the general public.
3. Development of practical skills in legal drafting, research, and public engagement.
4. Creation of advocacy materials to promote organ donation and living wills.

Resources Required:

- Guest lecturers from legal and medical fields.
- Access to legal databases and medical guidelines.
- Venues for workshops and awareness campaigns.

This internship aims to bridge the gap between legal education and societal impact, empowering law students to contribute meaningfully to organ donation and end-of-life care awareness.