

Record Clearance Project

Who should enroll in the Record Clearance Project?

People who want to help people, and are willing to work hard. Students from a range of majors and careers interests have found working with the RCP rewarding.



What will I learn?

Legal interviewing skills such as how to gather details to tell your clients story, effectively assist people with trauma, and non judgmentally learn necessary information. Legal writing skills such as how to compelling present your client's story, use crisp, clear language, and keep the reader reading.



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Legal research skills such as how to look up the law related to your clients' cases. Legal ethics such as how to comply with ethical requirements in assisting clients and be professional while being personable.



Why RCP matters?

Long after serving their time, RCP clients carry the consequences of past mistakes that limit jobs, housing, immigration, and more opportunities. Since many low-income people cannot afford to hire a lawyer, the RCP strives to make information and representation regarding legal rights available.

Did You Know?

The RCP has a 99% success rate in clearing people's records when a court hearing is required and has removed over \$130,000 in court debt on clients' behalf.

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Legal interpreting protocols such as how to assist clients whose language you do not share and work effectively with an interpreter. Presentation skills such as how to clearly and accurately convey legal information to people who want to know it and speak effectively and compellingly.



When is best to enroll?

When you have a relatively lighter course load and /or work schedule. If you want to take the internship, enroll prior to last semester since there is a semester-long prerequisite.



Will this help me get a job? Get into law school?

The SJSU Record Clearance Project is the only clinical legal services program taught at an undergraduate level. Others applying will not have the experience comparable to yours.

Our Motto

Changing lives,
one petition at a
time.

Did You Know?

A Stanford analysis of RCP clients showed that clients received an annual increase of \$6,190 in income post-expungement and an estimated gain for the government of \$34,308 across three years. Thus not only does record clearance significantly improve the lives of individuals and their families, but it enhances the overall well-being of our communities as well.