

# **APPRENTICESHIP WEEK**

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Title of QEP: Apprenticeship Week

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Apprenticeship Week attempts to mimic the experience that young lawyers would have if they were an apprentice to a skilled professional. The program involves courses in a number of substantive areas where the emphasis is on skills rather than substantive law. The courses are taught in a concentrated, one-week period where the students are expected to devote a full work day to the course. Apprenticeship Week focuses on providing skills training in small, hands-on courses taught by skilled professionals. By providing a range of substantive mini-courses, the needs and demands of a varied student body that will practice across a range of specialties are met.

Apprenticeship Week is comprised of a number of courses from a range of substantive legal areas. As a result, student outcomes are measured by a combination of a number of assessment methods including, student surveys, faculty surveys, pre/post-tests, written exercises, document production, interactive feedback, performance evaluation and classroom participation. The evaluation and assessment tools in each course will be formulated by the instructors in consultation with the project director and assessment professionals at LSU Law. The inaugural Apprenticeship Week was held from January 6-10, 2014 and was a resounding success. The initial program consisted of eleven courses with 121 students participating. The second Apprenticeship Week was held from January 5-9, 2015 and consisted of thirteen courses with 140 students participating. Evaluation of outcomes reveals strongly positive results in all courses.