Law school and college students in good standing are eligible to apply for the Delaware County Register of Wills and Orphans’ Court Internship Program. This unpaid, educational internship is offered year-round on a semester basis and exposes students to various legal and governmental issues including those relating to wills, estates, guardianships, adoption, and more.

Interns are supervised by the Register of Wills and Clerk of Orphans’ Court and office deputies and receive training and education on various issues in family law and trusts and estates law. Interns conduct legal research, review legal procedure, assist with the review of legal petitions, identify deficiencies in legal petitions, draft orders, and attend hearings conducted by the Register. By the end of the internship, students will be able to identify various legal petitions that come to the court, apply legal procedure to various fact patterns, and understand practice and procedure on legal issues coming before the Register of Wills and Clerk of Orphans’ Court. Those who successfully complete the program will enhance their legal understanding, network with a variety of individuals in the Government Center and the Delaware County Bar and receive a letter of recommendation from the Register. This would be a perfect opportunity for a law student considering a practice in Delaware County, particularly one relating to wills or Orphans’ Court matters. This would also be a great opportunity for an undergraduate student who is interested in a prelaw curriculum, paralegal studies, and/or government affairs.

Interested students should submit a cover letter and resume to RegOfWills@co.delaware.pa.us for consideration.