To Obtain a Legal Externship Placement:

The program does not assign students to particular field placements. Instead a student must first independently obtain an externship placement before applying to participate in and register for an Access2Practice Legal Externship. Each placement is independent and external to the law school and will have its own independent selection and screening process.

The greater Chicagoland area offers a wide variety of externship placements. The large majority of opportunities are in the public sector only, many of which are listed on individual organizational websites. If you have firms/organizations you would like to work at in particular, please check their websites if nothing is indicated in Symplicity. However, a large number of those firms post their opportunities on Symplicity. To gain access to available externship placement possibilities, log on to and search Symplicity.

To search on Symplicity, first click on “Jobs”
Then select “Position Type”

Several drop-down boxes will appear listing categories of postings. Search any category that might be applicable, e.g., “Access2Practice Legal Externships”, “Internships”, “Volunteer Internships”, “Fall Volunteer Internships”, etc.
Certain externship/volunteer listings will be marked “For Credit Only” – meaning that a student cannot extern at that placement unless he/she is formally enrolled as a participant in Chicago-Kent’s A2P Legal Externship Program.

Many postings in Symplicity will give you the option of either applying to volunteer or convert that volunteer opportunity into a for-credit externship.

On rare occasions, lawyers/firms independently access Symplicity and place postings that have not been screened, approved, or endorsed by the law school. These are not valid placements for the purposes of A2P unless approved by Professor Gross.

Once you have been selected by a firm, you must complete the application form located at: https://www.kentlaw.iit.edu/academics/jd-program/practical-skills-training/externships/students

Please see the externship website for further information on all externship programs, both legal and judicial.

**Other available for-credit externship placements:**

**Semester Law Firm Associate Program**

Chicago-Kent’s Semester Law Firm Associate Program (SLFAP) is a unique for-credit non-graded program open to 2Ls and 3Ls with a cumulative minimum 3.2 GPA. Semester Associate externs work for academic credit (without pay) as “Associates” for designated and prestigious law firms such as Beerman LLP, Dickinson Wright PLLC, Michael Best & Friedrich LLP, and Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney (opportunities depend on the semester, please see announcements for these positions).

Semester Associate externs receive 6 credits and devote 24 hours a week during the semester to the fieldwork component. Students gain experience, skills and perspective from work on different aspects of litigation and transactions. The firms strive to expose students to a range of legal problems demanding varying skill sets and competencies. In conjunction with the fieldwork, there is an accompanying classroom component with Professor Gross.

**Institute for the Future of Legal Practice**

IFLP is a 9-credit legal externship opportunity: https://www.futurelawpractice.org/ Applicants selected will work 40 hours a week at their placement and will have a classroom component overseen by Professor Gross. Please see the website for information about placements.