



# Paralegal Studies Program

## **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Paralegal Program is to prepare students for gainful employment in law firms or law related fields by utilizing a technology-based curriculum that emphasizes writing and research skills, as well as critical thinking skills. We also emphasize practical applications which the students can expect to encounter in the workplace, recognizing the need to remain current in the technology of the law. By utilizing assessment of student performance, the program ensures that paralegal graduates will possess the skills required by the legal community and meet its employment needs. In addition, the program fosters a commitment to lifelong learning as a critical component to career success.

## **Educational Goals**

Upon completion of the Associate of Applied Science degree in Paralegal Studies, students should be able to do the following with respect to the paralegal profession:

1. Explain and uphold ethical considerations and responsibilities.
2. Apply critical thinking and problem solving skills in order to interpret and apply statutes, precedent, regulations to fact patterns.
3. Communicate effectively in order to convey to the audience the issue and the status of the law in a concise and cogent manner.
4. Use technology and legal resources to research the law including primary and secondary authorities.
5. Demonstrate professional behavior in the legal setting.

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