



MISSION STATEMENT AND STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR:

Paralegal Studies

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Division:	Discipline/Program/Department:	Contact Person:
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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 technology utilized in the legal field. By assessing student performance, the program ensures that paralegal graduates will possess the skills required by the legal community to meet its employment needs. In addition, the program fosters a commitment to lifelong learning as a critical component to career success.

Program/Discipline Curriculum Map

I = Introduce: Student is first exposed to the concept/idea and is requested to apply the concept in a limited scope.

E = Emphasize: Student applies concept(s) in varying/multiple situations of greater complexity than when initially introduced.

R = Reinforce: Student may be expected to understand the concept upon taking the course and utilizes the concept in conjunction with other concepts/ideas to solve problems.

PROGRAM/DISCIPLINE OUTCOMES	COURSE PREFIX AND NUMBER																			
Graduates of this program or discipline shall be able to:	PARL 120	PARL 220	PARL 225	PARL 230	PARL 235	PARL 240	PARL 250	PARL 260	PARL 265	PARL 270	PARL 274	PARL 275	PARL 280	PARL 290	PARL 295	PARL 200	PARL 285			
Interpret and uphold ethical considerations and responsibilities applicable to law professionals and their staff.	I	IE	ER	ER	ER	ER	ER	ER	ER	ER	ER	ER	ER	R	ER	IE	ER			
Locate appropriate technology and legal resources to research the law, including primary and secondary authorities.		IE	ER	E	R	ER	ER	ER	ER	ER		ER	ER	R			ER			
Apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills in order to interpret and apply appropriate legal authority to fact patterns.	I	IE	ER	E	E	ER	ER	ER	ER	ER	ER	ER	ER	R	E	I	ER			
Communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing, in order to convey to the audience the issue(s) and the status of the	I	IE	ER	ER		ER	ER	ER	ER	ER		ER	ER	R	ER	IE	ER			

Map Comments: