



Associate of Science in Paralegal Studies - 2172

Career Pathway: [Business](#)

Location(s): [GE courses for this program are offered at all BC locations.](#) The Paralegal Studies (PLA) courses are only offered at the Judson A. Samuels South Campus, and the North Campus. Please consult the course schedule for specific semester locations.

Program Entrance Requirements: HS Diploma or GED

Program Description: The Associate of Science degree in Paralegal Studies (Legal Assisting) is a program designed for students seeking a career in a law-related field as a paraprofessional. The program is approved by the American Bar Association (ABA). Upon successful completion of this program, a student will be able to work under the supervision of an attorney and perform many vital functions as a paralegal. Paralegals may be responsible for interviewing, investigation, research, document preparation, and other tasks. They cannot, however, engage in the actual practice of law by doing such activities as giving legal advice, setting fees, negotiating, or representing clients in court. Paralegals work in law firms, legal departments of major corporations, government agencies (federal, state and local), real estate departments of large businesses, trust departments of banks, brokerage houses, and insurance companies. Visit the program's [website](#) for more information.

Additional Program Information:

Transfer Credits

Broward College's Paralegal Studies Program honors credits for courses taken at other institutions that are fully accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education, participate in the Florida statewide course numbering system, and are judged by the appropriate common course designation and numbering system faculty task forces to be academically equivalent to legal specialty courses offered at Broward College. All other legal specialty courses that are completed and transcribed from either an accredited institution or an ABA-approved program will be evaluated by the Program Manager for specific course equivalencies and how accepted credit(s) will be applied toward specific degree requirements. No student shall be awarded credit for legal specialty courses by exam or experiential learning.

Program Graduation Requirements

- Meet BC's graduation requirements as listed in the Academic Programs and Graduation Requirements section of the College Catalog.
- Completion of 64 semester credit hours curriculum plan listed below with a degree GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- Complete all courses with a grade of "C" or higher.
- At least 25% of the total credits for the Associate of Science Degree in Paralegal Studies must be earned at Broward College, of which at least 12 credit hours must comprise Broward College legal specialty courses.
- *Internships*

The Paralegal Studies Program offers the possibility of participating in an internship as a Program elective. For specific information, please contact the Program Manager or a Program advisor.

Build Your Education



Recommended Course Sequence

Full Time	Part Time	Course ID	Description	Credits
Term 1	Term 1	<i>ENC1101</i>	<i>Composition I</i>	3
		<i>PLA1104</i>	<i>Law Library</i>	3
	Term 2	<i>GE Course</i>	<i>General Education Mathematics</i>	3
		<i>PLA1003</i>	<i>Introduction to Paralegal Studies</i>	3
Term 2	Term 3	<i>CGS1060C</i>	<i>Computer and Internet Literacy</i>	3
		<i>BUL2241</i>	<i>Business Law I</i>	3
	Term 4	<i>PLA1303</i>	<i>Criminal Litigation</i>	3
		<i>PLA1435</i>	<i>Corporations</i>	3
Term 3	Term 5	<i>OST1103C</i>	<i>Basic Keyboarding I</i>	1
		<i>SPC1608</i>	<i>Introduction to Public Speaking</i>	3
		<i>PLA1201</i>	<i>Civil Litigation</i>	3
Term 4	Term 6	<i>PLA2114</i>	<i>Legal Writing and Drafting</i>	3
		<i>Elective*</i>	<i>Elective Course</i>	3
	Term 7	<i>PLA1841</i>	<i>Immigration Law</i>	3
		<i>PLA2762C</i>	<i>Paralegal Office Systems</i>	3
Term 5	Term 8	<i>PLA1610</i>	<i>Procedures for Real Estate Title Closing</i>	3
		<i>PSY2012 or SYG2000</i>	<i>General Psychology or Principles of Sociology</i>	3
	Term 9	<i>PLA1600</i>	<i>Probate Practice</i>	3
		<i>PLA1800</i>	<i>Domestic Relations</i>	3
Term 6	Term10	<i>PLA2466</i>	<i>Debtor/Creditor Relations</i>	3
		<i>GE Course</i>	<i>General Education Science</i>	3
		<i>GE Course</i>	<i>General Education Humanities</i>	3
Total Program Credit Hours				64

Notes: *Program elective – Student may have to take MAT1033 or STA1001 based on placement score. If the student does not need MAT1033 or STA1001, the student must take one of the following approved Paralegal Electives – BUL2242, CJL1062, ECO2013, FIN1100, OST2335, PLA2930, PLA2940, QMB1001, SPN1000. Many courses have specific pre-requisite and co-requisite requirements that

Students are strongly encouraged to meet with an [advisor](#) to create an educational plan.

CHOOSE YOUR COURSES

Program Highlights



Credit for Prior Learning: Accelerate your path to completion with these options:

- Credit by exam
 - Earned Industry certifications
 - Prior Learning Assessment
 - And much more...
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Related Industry Certifications: Upon completing this program, graduates will be eligible to sit for the following industry certifications:

- The Certified Paralegal Exam (CP exam) through the Association of Legal Assistants/Paralegals (NALA)
 - The Paralegal CORE Competency Exam (PCCE) through the National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA)
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Get an Internship: After completing your first year of coursework make sure to visit the Career Center for internship opportunities that help you take your career to the next level!



Median Wage and Job Growth Outlook: Broward College has [Career Coach!](#) It is designed to help you find a good career by providing the most current local data on wages, employment, job postings, and associated education and training.



Fund Your Education: This Program is [Financial Aid](#) eligible. [Scholarships](#) may be available. This program is part of the [Career Source Broward ITA List](#)

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