

PALE 490 : Internship in Paralegal Studies

A 160- 320 clock hours on-site internship where the student will work in a law office or other legal environment on a supervised special project which relates directly to the student's career goals. The internship experience is critical to preparing students for law-related work, and benefits the internship partner by both easing workload and introducing an excellent, entry-level paralegal candidate (*Alternatively, student may fulfill credit hour requirements by enrolling in two additional upper level courses - 6 credit hours*).

Credits 4-6

CIP Code

22.0302

Prerequisites

Senior status - Completed a minimum of 90 credit hours in the major.

Course Outcomes

After successfully completing the course, the learner will be able to:

- Discuss the paralegal's role in internship office.
- Demonstrate research skills by finding law applicable to assignment.
- Demonstrate effective computer use in legal environments.
- Explain the various types of employment for paralegals.
- Perform typical duties of the paralegal.
- Demonstrate the characteristics of an effective paralegal.
- Appreciate the critical importance of honesty and integrity in the legal environment.
- Apply the knowledge and skills learned in the classroom to actual paralegal tasks in a law office.
- Exercise the ethical responsibilities of a paralegal as set forth under the Code of Professional Responsibility and applicable laws.
- Reflect upon and personally evaluate the internship experience so that the student is better informed when choosing future employment.