

PARALEGAL STUDIES
AAS Degree

The curriculum is designed to provide an individual with a sufficient level of knowledge, understanding, and proficiency to perform the tasks associated with meeting a client’s needs. These tasks can be performed by a trained, non-lawyer assistant working under the direction and supervision of a lawyer. A paralegal or legal assistant will have a basic understanding of the general processes of American law, along with the knowledge and proficiency required to perform specific tasks under the supervision of a lawyer in the fields of civil and criminal law. Occupational objectives include employment in corporate law firms, government agencies, and any of the varied law-related fields.

Paralegals are prohibited by law from offering legal services directly to members of the public.

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Associate of Applied Science

	Two Years	Credits
1st Semester		
ENG 111	College Composition I	3
LGL 110	Introduction to Law & the Paralegal	3
LGL 117	Family Law	3
LGL 125	Legal Research	3
PHI 111	Logic I	3
SDV 100	College Success Skills	1
		16
2nd Semester		
ENG 112	College Composition II	3
LGL 126	Legal Writing	3
LGL 215	Torts	3
LGL 218	Criminal Law	3
MTH 154	Quantitative Reasoning	3
		15
3rd Semester		
ITE 115	Intro to Computer Appl.	3
LGL 115	Real Estate Law	3
LGL 217	Trial Practice	3
LGL 230	Legal Transactions	3
PSY 200	Principles of Psychology	3
		15
4th Semester		
	Approved Elective	3
CST 110	Intro to Communication	3
LGL 225	Estate Planning & Probate	3
LGL 235	Legal Aspects of Bus Org	3
SOC 200	Principles of Sociology	3
		15
Total credits for the Paralegal Studies A.A.S. = 61		

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PARALEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM

The Paralegal Studies program at Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) is approved by the **American Bar Association**. After completing the program, students will earn an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree.

Generally, those individuals who have earned a bachelor's degree at a regionally accredited institution will have all general education requirements satisfied, which means they would only need to take the legal specialty courses. Each semester, some courses are offered online, some are offered in a traditional classroom setting, and other courses are offered in a hybrid format. Courses that are taught in the hybrid format include both classroom meetings and significant online work.

To be eligible to receive the AAS degree in Paralegal Studies, students must complete 25 percent (17 credits) of their coursework at NOVA. ABA guidelines regulate the number of credits accepted through transfer; therefore, at least 50 percent of the legal specialty courses must be completed at NOVA and 10 of those credits must be taken in the traditional classroom setting.

Courses are taught by practicing attorneys and paralegals. These individuals are knowledgeable about the paralegal profession and developments within paralegal education, have experience working with or as paralegals, and are committed to the education and utilization of paralegal services.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the employment of paralegals and legal assistants is expected to grow 12 percent from 2020-2030; faster than the average for all occupations.

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