

Associate of Arts with Emphasis in Paralegal

The expanding role of the paralegal in the delivery of legal services has created increased opportunities with private law firms, corporate legal departments, insurance companies, real estate and title firms, banks, and government agencies. If you are interested in entering this career field, you should be aware that although the number of jobs for trained paralegals is rising, competition for these positions is increasing. A minimum of 18 hours of legal specialty courses must be taken at Johnson County Community College. Please contact Jay Nadlman (jnadlman@jccc.edu) for more information.

PARALEGALS MAY NOT PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICE DIRECTLY TO THE PUBLIC, EXCEPT AS PERMITTED BY LAW.

JCCC, as an ABA approved paralegal program, requires its students to take at least ten semester credits through traditional classroom instruction.

The paralegal program at JCCC:

- Has a challenging curriculum
- Requires that you possess excellent communication skills, analytical ability and a high level of motivation
- Is approved by the American Bar Association
- Is a selective admission program based on various academic and testing criteria

Suggested Sample Course Sequence

Students may take any number of courses each semester that will also allow them to fulfill their other personal and professional responsibilities.

(Major Code 264A; State CIP Code 22.0302)

- Paralegal (<http://www.jccc.edu/academics/law/paralegal>)

Associate of Arts Degree

Prerequisites: Prior to admission

ENGL 121	Composition I*	3
LAW 121	Introduction to Law	3
LAW 123	Paralegal Professional Studies	1
Total Hours		7

First Semester

SPD 120	Interpersonal Communication	3
or SPD 121	Public Speaking	
or SPD 125	Personal Communication	
Humanities Elective ^		3
Social Science and/or Economics Electives ^		3
Mathematics Electives ^		3
Total Hours		12

^ See all AA general education electives (<http://catalog.jccc.edu/degree/requirements/associate-arts>)

Second Semester

Following admission to the paralegal program:

Paralegal Electives (see below)		3
ENGL 122	Composition II*	3
LAW 134	Introduction to Legal Technology*	3
LAW 132	Civil Litigation*	3
Total Hours		12

Third Semester

Paralegal Electives (see below)		6
Humanities Elective ^		3
LAW 195	Legal Research*	3

Science course with lab ^	4
Total Hours	16

^ See all AA general education electives (<http://catalog.jccc.edu/degreerequirements/associate-arts>)

Fourth Semester

Paralegal Electives (see below)	2
LAW 271 Legal Ethics, Interviewing and Investigation*	3
LAW 205 Legal Analysis and Writing*	3
LAW 201 Advanced Legal Technology*	3
Science and/or Mathematics Electives ^	2
Social Science and/or Economics Electives ^	3
Total Hours	16

^ See all AA general education electives (<http://catalog.jccc.edu/degreerequirements/associate-arts>)

Paralegal Electives

LAW 140 Alternative Dispute Resolution*	3
LAW 142 Torts*	3
LAW 148 Criminal Litigation*	3
LAW 152 Real Estate Law*	3
LAW 162 Family Law*	3
LAW 165 Forensic Science and the Law	3
LAW 171 Law Office Management	3
LAW 212 Business Organizations*	3
LAW 226 Immigration Law*	3
LAW 241 Wills, Trusts and Probate Administration*	3
LAW 245 Elder Law*	3
LAW 247 Intellectual Property Law*	3
LAW 266 Employment Law*	3
LAW 269 Bankruptcy Law*	3
LAW 270 Administrative Law*	3
LAW 275 Paralegal Internship I*	1
LAW 276 Paralegal Internship II*	1

Total Program Hours: 63