

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 Gwenda Hawk (ghawk@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 24.0101)

Associate of Arts Degree

Prerequisite Semester

ENGL 121	Composition I*	3
LAW 120	Introduction to Paralegal Studies	3
LAW 121	Introduction to Law	3
Total Hours		9

First Semester

LAW 195	Legal Research*	3
SPD 120	Interpersonal Communication	3
or SPD 121	Public Speaking	
or SPD 125	Personal Communication	
Humanities Elective ^		3
Mathematics Electives ^		3
Total Hours		12

^ See all AA general education electives (<http://catalog.jccc.edu/archives/2018-2019/degree requirements/associate-arts>)

Second Semester

Paralegal Electives (see below)		3
ENGL 122	Composition II*	3
LAW 134	Introduction to Legal Technology*	3
LAW 132	Civil Litigation*	3
Social Science and/or Economics Electives		3
Total Hours		15

^ See all AA general education electives (<http://catalog.jccc.edu/archives/2018-2019/degree requirements/associate-arts>)

Third Semester

LAW 201	Advanced Legal Technology*	3
LAW 205	Legal Analysis and Writing*	3
Humanities Elective ^		3

Science course with lab ^	4
Total Hours	13

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Fourth Semester

Paralegal Electives (see below)	6
LAW 271 Legal Ethics, Interviewing and Investigation*	3
Science and/or Mathematics Electives ^	2
Social Science and/or Economics Electives ^	3
Total Hours	14

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Paralegal Electives

LAW 142	Tort Law*	3
LAW 144	Contract Law*	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 226	Immigration Law*	3
LAW 245	Elder Law and Estate Planning*	3
LAW 247	Intellectual Property Law*	3
LAW 266	Employment Law*	3
LAW 269	Bankruptcy Law*	3
LAW 275	Paralegal Internship I*	1
LAW 276	Paralegal Internship II*	1
LAW 292	Special Topics:*	3

Total Program Hours: 63