

# Associate of Arts with Emphasis in Paralegal

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The prerequisite courses must each be completed with a grade of "C" or higher prior to admission to the paralegal program. A minimum of 18 hours of legal specialty courses must be taken from Johnson County Community College. JCCC, as an American Bar Association-approved paralegal program, requires its students to take at least nine semester credits through synchronous (real-time) instruction, which may occur on campus or online. 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.

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

Students must earn a grade of "C" or higher in all LAW courses.

## 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)

Paralegal Program web page (<http://www.jccc.edu/academics/credit/paralegal/>)

## Associate of Arts Degree

### Program Prerequisites

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

### First Semester

COMS 120	Interpersonal Communication	3
or COMS 121	Public Speaking	
or COMS 125	Personal Communication	
or COMS 180	Intercultural Communication	
ENGL 122	Composition II*	3
Humanities Elective <sup>^</sup>		3
Mathematics Elective <sup>^</sup>		3
Total Hours		12

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

### Second Semester

LAW 132	Civil Litigation*	3
LAW 134	Introduction to Legal Technology*	3
LAW 195	Legal Research*	3
Social Science and/or Economics Elective		3
Total Hours		12

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

### Third Semester

LAW 201	Advanced Legal Technology*	3
LAW 205	Legal Analysis and Writing*	3
Paralegal Elective (see below)		3
Science course with lab ^		4
Science and/or Mathematics Elective ^		2
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Total Hours		15

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

### Fourth Semester

LAW 271	Legal Ethics, Interviewing and Investigation*	3
Humanities Elective ^		3
Paralegal Electives (see below)		6
Social Science and/or Economics Elective ^		3
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Total Hours		15

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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 277	Paralegal Internship III*	1
LAW 292	Special Topics:*	3

**Total Program Hours: 63**