NEW!
Advanced Paralegal Seminar Series: Intellectual Property Law

This course offers an introduction to the various types of intellectual property, such as trademarks, copyrights, patents and trade secrets. Students will be provided with a greater understanding of what constitutes intellectual property as well as the legal steps that may be required to create, protect and defend it. Discussion topics include how each type of intellectual property is created, how protection may be granted, how rights in intellectual property may be enforced, and how intellectual property may be utilized in business.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?
- Anyone working in a law firm
- Anyone working toward a legal profession
- Anyone with legal experience wishing to enhance their knowledge in the legal field

SCHEDULE AND LOCATION
Mondays, March 18–April 8, 2019, 6–9 p.m., Arsht Hall, 2700 Pennsylvania Ave., Wilmington, Del.

PRICE
$475
1.2 Continuing Education Units

COMING TOPICS
- Wills, Trusts and Estates
- Business Organization Law
- Bankruptcy Law
- Family Law
- Real Estate Law

Paralegal Certificate

Paralegals fill a vital role in the legal community, and for 40 years the University of Delaware’s Paralegal Certificate program has been preparing legal assistants and paralegals in the region. Taught by a faculty of experienced practicing attorneys, the program covers the American system of law, including court systems and procedures. The program also addresses legal research and writing and introduces the major branches of law.

Professional opportunities for paralegals and legal assistants include positions in:
- Private law firms
- Corporate legal departments, insurance companies, banks, real estate offices and title insurance firms
- The public sector, including community legal service programs; federal, state and local government agencies; consumer organizations; and the courts

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?
- Anyone wishing to change careers
- Anyone wishing to enter the field of law and legal services
- Anyone with legal experience wishing to earn a valuable credential

SCHEDULE AND LOCATION
New cohort starting Fall 2019, 11-month program, Mondays and Wednesdays, 6–9 p.m., Arsht Hall, 2700 Pennsylvania Ave., Wilmington, Del.

PRICE
$3,650, textbooks additional. Discount and financial assistance options include a payment plan, scholarship opportunities, early bird discount for registration by July 2019, military discount, alumni discount and more.

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PARALEGAL CERTIFICATE CURRICULUM

Students earn the Paralegal Certificate by successfully completing each of the following course modules in succession. Participants earn 23.4 Continuing Education Units (CEUs), representing 234 hours of coursework, and have free access to the LexisNexis® legal research platform for the duration of the program.

Introduction to Law for Paralegals

General introduction to law with an emphasis on the role of the paralegal in the firm or organization:
- General concepts of the law
- The American system of law (constitutional, statutory, tort)
- Court systems and procedures

Legal Research and Writing

Fundamentals for basic legal research and writing, including:
- Researching primary and secondary legal authority
- Reviewing the rules of citation
- Introducing research and writing strategies

Civil Procedure

Defines the paralegal’s role in the litigation process, from initial client interview to appeal. Topics include:
- Fact investigation
- Draft pleadings
- Summary and control of documents and deposition transcripts
- Pre-trial organization
- Post-trial considerations
- Federal rules of civil procedure

Torts

Provides students with a basic understanding of tort law, which applies to civil wrongs other than breaches of contract. Students study and analyze:
- General concepts
- Preliminary issues
- Strict liability
- Product liability
- Negligence
- Defamation and related issues
- Pertinent defenses and remedies to these torts

Contract Law

How binding contracts are formed and how to understand them. Topics covered include pitfalls that can make contracts invalid as well as the defenses that may allow a party to avoid having to fulfill obligations under a valid contract. How to calculate damages for breaches of contract and instruction on drafting typical clauses that appear in many contracts are also covered.

Criminal Law and Procedure

Focuses on the procedural and substantive areas of common law crimes. Topics covered address some of the issues that emanate from the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Eighth amendments of the Constitution of the United States. The areas of criminal law that are covered include:
- General concepts
- Homicide
- Crimes against people
- Crimes against property
- Theft crimes
- The respective defenses of the above areas