

CURRICULUM STANDARD

Effective Term
Fall 2006
[2006*03]

Curriculum Program Title	Paralegal Technology	Program Code	A25380
Concentration	(not applicable)	CIP Code	22.0302

Curriculum Description

The Paralegal Technology curriculum prepares individuals to work under the supervision of attorneys by performing routine legal tasks and assisting with substantive legal work. A paralegal/legal assistant may not practice law, give legal advice, or represent clients in a court of law.

Course work includes substantive and procedural legal knowledge in the areas of civil litigation, legal research and writing, real estate, family law, wills, estates, trusts, and commercial law. Required courses also include subjects such as English, mathematics, and computer utilization.

Graduates are trained to assist attorneys in probate work, investigations, public records search, drafting and filing legal documents, research, and office management. Employment opportunities are available in private law firms, governmental agencies, banks, insurance agencies, and other business organizations.

Curriculum Requirements*

[for associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs in accordance with 1D SBCCC 400.10]

- I. **General Education.** Degree programs must contain a minimum of 15 semester hours including at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics. Degree programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of communications. Diploma programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of general education; 3 semester hours must be in communications. General education is optional in certificate programs.
- II. **Major Hours.** AAS, diploma, and certificate programs must include courses which offer specific job knowledge and skills. Work-based learning may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit. *(See second page for additional information.)*
- III. **Other Required Hours.** A college may include courses to meet graduation or local employer requirements in a certificate, diploma, or associate in applied science program. These curriculum courses shall be selected from the Combined Course Library and must be approved by the System Office prior to implementation. Restricted, unique, or free elective courses may not be included as other required hours.

	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
Minimum General Education Hours	15	6	0
Minimum Major Hours	49	30	12
Other Required Hours	0-7	0-4	0-1
Total Semester Hours Credit (SHC)	64-76	36-48	12-18

*Within the degree program, the institution shall include opportunities for the achievement of competence in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and basic use of computers.

Major Hours

- A. Core.** The subject/course core is comprised of subject areas and/or specific courses which are required for each curriculum program. A diploma program offered under an approved AAS program standard or a certificate which is the highest credential level awarded under an approved AAS program standard must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit derived from the subject/course core of the AAS program.
- B. Concentration (if applicable).** A concentration of study must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit from required subjects and/or courses. The majority of the course credit hours are unique to the concentration. The required subjects and/or courses that make up the concentration of study are in addition to the required subject/course core.
- C. Other Major Hours.** Other major hours must be selected from prefixes listed on the curriculum standard. A maximum of 9 semester hours of credit may be selected from any prefix listed, with the exception of prefixes listed in the core or concentration. Work-based learning may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit.

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<p>A. CORE <i>A diploma offered under this AAS degree requires a minimum of 12 SHC extracted from the required subject/course core of the AAS degree.</i></p> <p>Required Courses:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 10%;">LEX</td> <td style="width: 10%;">110</td> <td style="width: 70%;">Intro to Paralegal Study</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: right;">2 SHC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LEX</td> <td>120</td> <td>Legal Research/Writing I</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3 SHC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LEX</td> <td>130</td> <td>Civil Injuries</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3 SHC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LEX</td> <td>140</td> <td>Civil Litigation I</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3 SHC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LEX</td> <td>150</td> <td>Commercial Law</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3 SHC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LEX</td> <td>210</td> <td>Real Property I</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3 SHC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LEX</td> <td>240</td> <td>Family Law</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3 SHC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LEX</td> <td>250</td> <td>Wills, Estates, and Trusts</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3 SHC</td> </tr> </table> <p>Required Subject Areas: None</p>	LEX	110	Intro to Paralegal Study	2 SHC	LEX	120	Legal Research/Writing I	3 SHC	LEX	130	Civil Injuries	3 SHC	LEX	140	Civil Litigation I	3 SHC	LEX	150	Commercial Law	3 SHC	LEX	210	Real Property I	3 SHC	LEX	240	Family Law	3 SHC	LEX	250	Wills, Estates, and Trusts	3 SHC	23 SHC	12 SHC	
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<p>C. OTHER MAJOR HOURS <i>To be selected from the following prefixes:</i></p> <p>ACC, BUS, CIS, CJC, CSC, CTS, LEX, OST, and WBL</p> <p><i>Up to two semester hour credits may be selected from ACA.</i></p> <p><i>Up to three semester hour credits may be selected from the following prefixes: ARA, ASL, CHI, FRE, GER, ITA, JPN, LAT, POR, RUS and SPA.</i></p>																																			