

PARALEGAL STUDIES - CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

The paralegal profession is one of the fastest-growing job fields in the nation. Paralegals hold increasingly important and high-paying positions at large and small law firms, corporate legal departments, government agencies, banks, real estate and insurance companies, nonprofit organizations, Silicon Valley startups, and freelance paralegal businesses. Evergreen Valley College's Paralegal Studies Program prepares graduates to work as a "paralegal" or "legal assistant" under California law (Business and Professions Code Section 6450). The Paralegal Studies Certificate requires students to complete 24 units of classes, enabling graduates to comply with this law and enter the workforce as paralegals or legal assistants.

Program Learning Outcomes

- Describe the legal profession's basic ethical guidelines and their importance, applying them in practice situations.
- Analyze a client's case, determining the legal issues to be addressed and the legal rules that apply.

Course	Title	Units
LA 010	Introduction to Law, Legal Research, the Constitution, and Ethics	3
LA 071	Legal Research	3
LA 072	Advanced Legal Analysis & Writing	3
Select 15 units of Legal Specialty Courses		15
LA 014	Civil Litigation	
LA 016	California Courts and Litigation Practice	
LA 033	Tort and Personal Injury Law	
LA 034	Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning	
LA 036	Real Estate and Property Law	
LA 038	Family Law	
LA 040	Criminal Law	
LA 044	Intellectual Property Law	
LA 046	Immigration Law	
LA 050	Constitutional Law	
Total Units		24