

CERTIFICATE IN NURSE PARALEGAL

The University of Toledo offers a nurse paralegal certificate program. This is a 21 credit hour program for students who have at least an associate's degree in nursing, hold a current R.N. license, and have at least 2,000 hours of nursing experience.

The nurse paralegal certificate program prepares practicing nurses for careers in law where medical education and experience are needed. Examples of these areas of the law are medical malpractice, personal injury, workers compensation, wrongful death and social security. The certificate program includes academic course work and practical experiences designed to develop the knowledge, critical thinking and communication skills necessary for contributing to the legal profession.

A dynamic field of study, the program in paralegal studies prepares students to be an integral part of the legal team, working under the supervision and direction of attorneys. Paralegals assist attorneys by conducting interviews and investigations, researching cases, drafting legal documents, and assisting at real estate closings, depositions and trials. The certificate program holds prestigious American Bar Association approval. All of the program faculty are licensed attorneys, judges and magistrates and are available for career advising.

Below is a sample curriculum for the certificate program. Sample curriculum is subject to change. Please consult the department for up-to-date information.

First Term		Hours
LGL 1010	Introduction To Law	3
LGL 1720	Law Practice Management	3
LGL 2020	Civil Procedure	3
Hours		9
Second Term		
LGL 1150	Tort Law	3
LGL 1160	Legal Research, Writing And Case Analysis	3
LGL 2210	Practices And Procedures In Administrative Law	3
Hours		9
Third Term		
LGL 2940	Legal Assisting Internship	3
Hours		3
Total Hours		21

Graduates of the University of Toledo, ABA-Approved Nurse Paralegal Certificate will: 2. Illustrate a broad understanding of legal concepts in a variety of substantive areas.

Graduates of the University of Toledo, ABA-Approved Nurse Paralegal Certificate will: 3. Develop critical thinking skills and learn to express legal concepts clearly and briefly by adherence to the rudiments of successful legal writing: precision, conciseness, simplicity, and clarity.

Graduates of the University of Toledo, ABA-Approved Nurse Paralegal Certificate will: 4. Demonstrate competence in legal issues involving

personal injury, medical malpractice, workers compensation, wrongful death, and social security.

Graduates of the University of Toledo, ABA-Approved Nurse Paralegal Certificate will: 5. Formulate legal arguments produce opening statements, direct and cross examinations and closing arguments. Graduates of the University of Toledo, ABA-Approved Nurse Paralegal Certificate will: 6. Research legal issues and prepare motions, briefs and pleadings and other legal documents.

Graduates of the University of Toledo, ABA-Approved Nurse Paralegal Certificate will: 7. Be able to identify, give examples of and interpret ethics issues relative to the practice of law.

VISION:

The University of Toledo s Paralegal Studies Program will be a premier American Bar Association approved program to prepare students for successful, productive employment in and contribution to the legal profession.

MISSION:

The University of Toledo s Paralegal Studies Program provides course work and practical experiences designed to develop the knowledge and communication skills necessary for successful, productive employment in and contribution to the legal profession.

GOALS:

Goal #1: Provide a high quality paralegal educational program.

Strategies:

Maintain prestigious approval by the American Bar Association. Design new courses and review existing courses for possible improvement and updating.

Implement innovative teaching methods and technology.

Require students to demonstrate communication skills.

Require students to research and analyze legal and ethical issues applying appropriate legal and ethical standards

Goal #2: Provide practical paralegal applications and experiences.

Strategies:

Require completion of real world projects.

Require completion of internship.

Offer mock trial experience within inter-collegiate setting.

Offer mediation experience within clinic setting.

Provide networking opportunities with professional associations.

Provide community outreach through service learning opportunities.

Graduates of the University of Toledo, ABA-Approved Nurse Paralegal Certificate will:

1. Develop the student s organizational, interpersonal, and communication skills which will enhance the student s ability to contribute to the student s legal environment upon graduation;