

# Paralegal

## Post-Bachelor's Certificate

Approved by the American Bar Association (ABA)

Wilmington University's Post-Bachelor's Paralegal certificate prepares you with the professional and academic skills to work as a paralegal, providing indispensable support to legal teams in the public and private sectors of the law. This certificate program is designed to provide the education needed to begin a paralegal career, working under the supervision of an attorney, or advance an existing career in related fields. Because certificate programs are highly valued by those in the legal field, it is perfect for those who want to enhance marketability, make a career change, or expand career options.

Each course within the program has been strategically selected and designed by experienced paralegals and attorneys to deliver the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to enter the legal field upon graduation and perform the critical job functions of a competent and ethical professional working in the legal services industry.

The curriculum consists of eight classes (24 credits), and can be tailored to the individual student through the selection of two substantive electives. Students who are actively pursuing a bachelor's degree at Wilmington University will be permitted to enroll in this post-bachelor's certificate program, but will not receive a certificate until conferral of their bachelor's degree.

### Face-to-Face/Synchronous Requirement

Students must take a minimum of 9 credits of legal specialty courses through traditional, face-to-face or synchronous classroom instruction. This requirement may be satisfied through any combination of semester, block or hybrid courses.

### Course Requirements (18 credits)

- LES 200** Legal Ethics
- LES 220** Introduction to Legal Studies
- LES 225** Legal Research
- LES 226** Legal Writing
- LES 228** Civil Procedure
- LES 491** Senior Capstone: Virtual Experience in Legal Studies

*Classes offered in face-to-face, hybrid, flex, online and synchronous online live formats.*

### Core Electives (select 2)

*Choose from a list of over 20 electives! A complete list of approved courses is available online at [wilmu.edu/behavioralscience/paralegal-certificate-curriculum.aspx](http://wilmu.edu/behavioralscience/paralegal-certificate-curriculum.aspx), and includes:*

- Family Law
- Real Estate Law
- Contract Law
- Business Organizations
- Personal Injury



**Paralegals may not provide legal services directly to the public, except as permitted by law.**

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## Legal Studies Program Competencies

In addition to demonstrating college level proficiency in the Wilmington University undergraduate competencies, students who earn the Post-Bachelor's Paralegal Certificate will also be able to:

1. Locate, evaluate, use, and communicate legal and non-legal information effectively and appropriately.
2. Apply legal and ethical principles to guide professional behaviors and decision-making.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the use, management, assessment, and application of technology in the legal environment.
4. Exercise critical thinking strategies, including reasoning, problem solving, analysis, and evaluation in the legal context.
5. Demonstrate effective written communication of legal issues, concepts, and authority, utilizing the Bluebook Uniform System of Citation.
6. Exercise effective interpersonal skills, including building and enhancing interpersonal relationships, and interacting effectively with others.



## Dual-Credit ADVANTAGE™

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Earn a certificate AND get credit toward a degree at the same time. Through **Dual-Credit ADVANTAGE**, you can go further, faster, by applying credits to multiple degree and certificate programs, without extra time or tuition cost.

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