

## Program Number 10-110-1 Associate Degree in Applied Science • Four Terms

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Paralegals work under the supervision of lawyers in a range of tasks—researching the law; investigating; preparing for hearings, trials, and real estate closings; interviewing clients and witnesses; and preparing legal documents and other legal correspondence. Paralegals cannot give legal advice or represent clients in court. If you are detail oriented, organized, strong in communications, and enjoy researching and analyzing facts, you might find a career as a paralegal very rewarding.

### PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Apply ethical principles in a legal environment.
- Process legal documents.
- Perform legal research.
- Apply critical thinking skills to address legal issues.
- Demonstrate professionalism in a legal environment.

### ADMISSIONS STEPS

- Work with Admissions Specialist to:
  - Submit Application and \$30 Fee
  - Complete an assessment for placement (Accuplacer or ACT)
  - Submit Official Transcripts (High School and Other Colleges)
- Meet with Program Advisor/Counselor to Discuss Program Details

### APPROXIMATE COSTS

- \$132 per credit (resident)
- \$198 per credit (out-of-state resident)
- Other fees vary by program (books, supplies, materials, tools, uniforms, health-related exams, etc.) Visit [gotoltc.edu/payingforcollege](http://gotoltc.edu/payingforcollege) for details.

### PLACEMENT SCORES

Accuplacer/ACT scores will be used to develop your educational plan. Contact your program advisor/counselor for details.

### SPECIAL NOTE

LTC's Paralegal program is approved by the American Bar Association. LTC offers its Paralegal classes at LTC and also at Moraine Park Technical College (MPTC) via live interactive television. As a Paralegal student you'll attend live classes at the LTC campus or attend live interactive TV classes at Moraine Park Technical College and take general studies classes and labs at your local technical college.

### CAREER & EDUCATION ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

LTC credits transfer to over 30 universities. For more information visit [gotoltc.edu/transfer](http://gotoltc.edu/transfer).

### CONTACT

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Catalog No.	Class Title	Credit(s)
<b>Term 1</b>		
10102160	Business Law 1	3
10105124	Portfolio Introduction	1
10110101	Introduction to Paralegalism and Legal Ethics	3
10110130	Real Estate Law - Paralegal	3
10801195	Written Communication OR 10801136 English Composition 1	3
10809196	Sociology - Introduction to	3
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<b>Term 2</b>		
10101155	Accounting for Professionals OR 10101111 Accounting 1 (4 cr)	3
10110102	Civil Litigation 1	3
10110104	Legal Research	3
10110106	Family Law	3
10801196	Oral/Interpersonal Communication	3
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<b>Term 3</b>		
10110103	Civil Litigation 2	3
10110105	Legal Writing	3
10110160	Employment Law	3
10110131	Personal Branding-Paralegal	2
10809122	Intro to American Government	3
10809198	Psychology-Introduction to	3
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<b>Term 4</b>		
10110107	Legal Aspects of Business Organizations	3
10110114	Administration of Estates	3
10110143	Paralegal Internship OR 10110145 Paralegal Studies	2
10110179	Portfolio Assessment-Paralegal	1
10110168	Criminal Law-Paralegal	3
10806112	Principles of Sustainability OR 10804107 College Mathematics	3
10809195	Economics	3
<b>18</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>66</b>

Curriculum and Program Acceptance requirements are subject to change.  
Program start dates vary; check with your advisor/counselor for details.



**ACCOUNTING FOR PROFESSIONALS** ...is the study of the information that can be interpreted from financial statements. Students analyze financial statements and apply managerial accounting concepts in an accelerated format. COREQUISITE: Microsoft Excel skills or equivalent and PREREQUISITE: 10804123 Math w/Business Applications or CONDITION: 101101 Paralegal program requirements met

**ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES** ...provides the learner with the skills to assist attorneys to administer estates, differentiate between probate and nonprobate property, contrast various forms of marital property, gather appropriate factual and financial information, select and draft appropriate forms to open an estate, prepare an inventory, draft a final accounting and documents to close an estate, draft tax documents, prepare powers of attorney and simple wills, and assist in the valid execution of estate planning documents. PREREQUISITE: 10110101 Intro to Paralegalism and CONDITION: 101101 Paralegal or 191102 Paralegal Post-Bacalaureate Certificate program requirements met

**BUSINESS LAW 1** ...provides the learner with the skills to summarize the American legal system; diagram the state/federal court systems; evaluate dispute resolution methods; sequence the civil litigation process; summarize the administrative agencies; differentiate civil and criminal law; apply theories of negligence, intentional tort, and product liability; summarize elements of a contract; assess the validity of a contract; assess third-party rights and available remedies; and summarize Article II of the UCC.

**CIVIL LITIGATION 1** ...provides the learner with the skills to evaluate causes of action and defenses; conduct an initial client interview; perform an initial investigation; draft a summons and complaint, answer, counterclaim, cross complaint, motions and supporting documents, select appropriate discovery devices; draft interrogatories and responses; prepare for depositions; draft a Notice of deposition and Subpoenas; analyze fact patterns; and evaluate evidentiary objections. PREREQUISITE: 10110101 Intro to Paralegalism and CONDITION: 101101 Paralegal or 191102 Paralegal Post-Bacalaureate Certificate program requirements met

**CIVIL LITIGATION 2** ...provides the learner with the skill to evaluate and summarize depositions; evaluate evidentiary challenges; prepare a witness list; draft settlement documents; locate expert witnesses; prepare witnesses; prepare for presentation of evidence at trial; prepare a trial notebook; draft a Bill of Costs; prepare post trial motions; evaluate and research appellate issues. PREREQUISITE: 10110102 Civil Litigation and CONDITION: 101101 Paralegal or 191102 Paralegal Post-Bacalaureate Certificate program requirements met

**CRIMINAL LAW-PARALEGAL** ...provides the learner with the skills to analyze state and federal criminal procedures, determine if a search and arrest is in accordance with the Fourth Amendment, analyze the Miranda rules, draft a criminal summons and complaint, determine possible defenses for a defendant, draft motions, analyze a criminal complaint and jury instructions for required elements, create demonstrative evidence, create a trial notebook, conduct a client interview, and contrast prosecution and defense roles. PREREQUISITE: 10110101 Intro to Paralegalism and CONDITION: 101101 Paralegal or 191102 Paralegal Post-Bacalaureate Certificate program requirements met

**ECONOMICS** ...provides the participant with an overview of how a market-oriented economic system operates, and it surveys the factors which influence national economic policy. Basic concepts and analyses are illustrated by reference to a variety of contemporary problems and public policy issues. Concepts include scarcity, resources alternative economic systems, growth, supply and demand, monetary and fiscal policy, inflation, unemployment and global economic issues. COREQUISITE: 10838105 Intro Reading and Study Skills or equivalent

**EMPLOYMENT LAW** ...provides the learner with the skills to analyze state and federal law governing employment relationships, job discrimination, sexual harassment, workplace privacy, labor standards and human resource management. PREREQUISITE: 10110101 Intro to Paralegalism and CONDITION: 101101 Paralegal or 191102 Paralegal Post-Bacalaureate Certificate program requirements met

**FAMILY LAW** ...provides the learner with the skills to conduct an initial client interview for a family law matter, including divorce and domestic violence; draft initial pleadings for divorce, financial family law documents, divorce discovery documents, and concluding documents in divorces; assess the need for post-divorce modification and enforcement; and outline factors involving child custody and support. PREREQUISITE: 10110101 Intro to Paralegalism and CONDITION: 101101 Paralegal or 191102 Paralegal Post-Bacalaureate Certificate program requirements met

**INTRO TO PSYCHOLOGY** ...introduces students to a survey of the multiple aspects of human behavior. It involves a survey of the theoretical foundations of human functioning in such areas as learning, motivation, emotions, personality, deviance and pathology, physiological factors, and social influences. It directs the student to an insightful understanding of the complexities of human relationships in personal, social, and vocational settings. COREQUISITE: 10838105 Intro Reading and Study Skills or equivalent

**INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT** ...introduces American political processes and institutions. It focuses on rights and responsibilities of citizens and the process of participatory democracy. Learners examine the complexity of the separation of powers and checks and balances. It explores the role of the media, interest groups, political parties and public opinion in the political process. It also explores the role of state and national government in our federal system.

**INTRODUCTION TO PARALEGALISM AND LEGAL ETHICS** ...introduces the learner to the paralegal profession, including civil, criminal, and administrative procedure; state and federal judicial systems; legal research; case briefing; ethical rules that apply to paralegals; law office software; and substantive civil law. COREQUISITE: Microsoft Word skills equivalent

**INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY** ...introduces students to the basic concepts of sociology: culture, socialization, social stratification, multi-culturalism, and the five institutions, including family, government, economics, religion, and education. Other topics include demography, deviance, technology, environment, social issues, social change, social organization, and workplace issues. COREQUISITE: 10838105 Intro Reading and Study Skills or equivalent

**LEGAL ASPECTS OF BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS** ...provides learners with the skills to analyze legal aspects of the formation, operation, and dissolution of sole proprietorships, partnerships, limited liability entities, and corporations; draft documents related to various business entities such as Certificates of Limited Partnership; Articles of Organization and Incorporation, Name Reservation Applications, Organizational Resolutions, Form SS-4 and 2553, Stock Certificates, Resolutions and Minutes, and Amendments and Articles of Dissolution. PREREQUISITE: 10110101 Intro to Paralegalism and CONDITION: 101101 Paralegal or 191102 Paralegal Post-Bacalaureate Certificate program requirements met

**LEGAL RESEARCH** ...provides the learner with the skills to differentiate between primary or secondary authority, locate statutes and constitutional provisions, locate case law, locate administrative regulations, locate secondary authority, use correct citation form, verify and update legal authority, formulate legal issues, use effective research strategies, evaluate solutions to legal problems, and use computer-assisted and internet legal research strategies. Some classes will be held off campus in a law library. PREREQUISITE: 10110101 Intro to Paralegalism and CONDITION: 101101 Paralegal or 191102 Paralegal Post-Bacalaureate Certificate program requirements met

**LEGAL WRITING** ...provides the learner with the skills to draft legal correspondence, operative legal documents, case briefs, and legal and office memoranda; analyze and synthesize legal authority; use correct citation form; draft a civil pleading, affidavit, trial brief, and appellate brief; and apply rules of civil procedure. PREREQUISITE: 10110104 Legal Research and 10801195 Written Communication or 10801195QL Written Communication Online and CONDITION: 101101 Paralegal or 191102 Paralegal Post-Bacalaureate Certificate program requirements met

**ORAL/INTERPERSONAL COMM** ...provides students with the skills to develop speaking, verbal and nonverbal communication, and listening skills through individual speeches, group activities, and other projects. COREQUISITE: 10838105 Intro Reading and Study Skills or equivalent

**PARALEGAL INTERNSHIP** ...enhances the participant's ability to perform the duties of a paralegal; to seek and obtain employment as a paralegal; apply paralegal skills in an actual workplace setting; to perform legal research and writing; and understand law office systems and administration. Students are responsible for seeking and obtaining an internship position for a minimum of 140 hours in a legal environment under the supervision of an attorney or other qualified professional, completing an internship agreement and learning contract, maintaining a work log and obtaining approval from the internship instructor. COREQUISITE: 10110105 Legal Writing and PREREQUISITE: 10105124 Portfolio Introduction and 10110131 Career Exploration-Paralegal

**PERSONAL BRANDING-PARALEGAL** ...prepares the student to develop a career plan, write a resume, create a cover letter, prepare for an interview, search for work on the internet, adapt a resume for an electronic scan, and post a resume and cover letter on the internet. PREREQUISITE: 10105124 Portfolio Introduction

**PORTFOLIO ASSESSMENT-PARALEGAL** ...assesses what the student has learned throughout the program and reviews project samples of their achievements and analyzes program outcomes and core abilities. PREREQUISITES: 10105124 Portfolio Introduction and 10110131 Career Exploration-Paralegal

**PORTFOLIO INTRODUCTION** ...prepares the student to develop a personal and professional portfolio, to identify self-awareness through various self-assessments and apply these results to the workplace and other environments, to write goal statements and understand their value, to develop an individual history of events and achievements, and to identify significant learning experiences throughout the student's life.

**PRINCIPLES OF SUSTAINABILITY** ...prepares students to develop sustainable literacy, analyze interconnections among physical and biological sciences and environmental systems, summarize effects of sustainability on health and well-being, analyze connections among social, economic, and environmental systems, employ energy conservation strategies to reduce use of fossil fuels, investigate alternative energy options, evaluate options to current waste disposal/recycling in the U.S., and analyze approaches used by your community. COREQUISITE: 10838105 Intro Reading and Study Skills or equivalent

**REAL ESTATE LAW - PARALEGAL** ...provides the learner with the skills to analyze types of real estate ownership; analyze the effect of the Marital Property Act on real estate; determine the requirements of listing contracts; draft legal descriptions; draft an offer to purchase; negotiate a real property sale; prepare financing documents; compare abstracting and title insurance; record deeds; compare land contracts; summarize foreclosure procedure; draft closing documents; compare landlord and tenant rights and responsibilities. COREQUISITE: 10110101 Intro to Paralegalism and CONDITION: 101101 Paralegal or 191102 Paralegal Post-Bacalaureate Certificate program requirements met

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATION** ...teaches the writing process, which includes prewriting, drafting, revising, and editing. Through a variety of writing assignments, the student will analyze audience and purpose, research and organize ideas, and format and design documents based on subject matter and content. Keyboarding skills are required for this course. It also develops critical reading and thinking skills through the analysis of a variety of written documents. PREREQUISITE: 10831103 Intro to College Wrtg equivalent and COREQUISITE: 10838105 Intro Rdg & Study Skills or equivalent