

# NorthWest Arkansas Community College

## 2014 Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal Studies

Last Name	First Name	Mid. Initial	Student ID Number
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**NOTE: The NWACC Paralegal Program supports the general principles of ethical legal practice, professional responsibility and the prohibition against the unauthorized practice of law by nonlawyers. Students receive extensive training in legal ethics, including the mandate the paralegals work only under the supervision of attorneys and are prohibited by law from giving legal advice to the public.**

Some students may be required to take developmental coursework before entering the program if test scores fall below a certain level. Students must demonstrate competency in computer skills by passage or the Computer Challenge Test or the taking of NWACC course, Introduction to Computer Information CISQ 1103.

**\*CHECK THE CATALOG FOR PREREQUISITES BEFORE ENROLLING IN A CLASS**

RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE	DATE	COMPLETED	PREREQUISITE (see catalog)	GRADE
<b>FIRST SEMESTER (16 Hours)</b>				
ENGL 1013	English Composition I	_____	_____	_____
CISQ 1103	Intro Computer Info.	_____	_____	_____
COMM 1303	Public Speaking	_____	_____	_____
LEGL 1043	Intro. To Law & Legal Asst.	_____	_____	_____
LEGL 1104	Legal Research	_____	_____	_____
<b>SECOND SEMESTER (15-16 Hours)</b>				
ENGL 1023	English Composition II	_____	_____	_____
HIST 2003	Hist. Amer Peo to 1877 <b>OR</b>	_____	_____	_____
HIST 2013	Hist. Amer Peo Sin 1877 <b>OR</b>	_____	_____	_____
PLSC 2003	American Nat. Government	_____	_____	_____
LEGL 2133	Torts	_____	_____	_____
MATH 1204	College Algebra <b>OR</b>	_____	_____	_____
MATH 1003	Math for AAS Majors Math or College Algebra	_____	_____	_____
CMJS XXXX	Criminal Justice Elective Select from Group B	_____	_____	_____
<b>THIRD SEMESTER (16 Hours)</b>				
PYSC 2003	General Psychology	_____	_____	_____
LEGL 1133	Legal Writing	_____	_____	_____
LEGL 2323	Civil Litigation	_____	_____	_____
LEGL 2382	Legal Ethics	_____	_____	_____
LEGL 2252	Family Law	_____	_____	_____
LEGL 2643	Contracts	_____	_____	_____
<b>FOURTH SEMESTER (16 Hours)</b>				
LEGL 2553	Real Estate Law	_____	_____	_____
LEGL 2753	Wills, Estates, & Trusts	_____	_____	_____
LEGL 2772	Business Organizations	_____	_____	_____
LEGL 2822	Trial Practice <b>OR</b>	_____	_____	_____
LEGL 2952	Paralegal Internship <b>OR</b>	_____	_____	_____
LEGL 2953	Paralegal Internship <b>OR</b>	_____	_____	_____
LEGL 2954	Paralegal Internship	_____	_____	_____
Elective	Group A or B below	_____	_____	_____
Elective	Group C	_____	_____	_____

Elective - Select one class from Group A or B below - Consult catalog

Elective - Select one class from Group C

**62-64 Total Hours**

15 Hours must be earned at NWACC to graduate.

(Not all courses are available each semester; consult catalog to aid in planning.)

**NOTE: NWACC will award five hours of credit for students who can demonstrate completion of training from the University of Arkansas Paralegal Certificate program. Three hours will substitute for Torts and 2 hours will apply towards the Paralegal Elective. Students must earn at least 15 hours at NWACC and received a grade of "C" or better in all LEGL courses to graduate.**

**Group A - Paralegal or Work-related Electives**

LEGL	2153	American Constitutional Law
LEGL	2172	Employment Law
LEGL	2173	Evidence
LEGL	2713	Bankruptcy Law
LEGL	777V	General Paralegal Elective

**Group B - Criminal Justice Electives**

CMJS	2013	Intro to Criminal Justice
CMJS	2023	Criminology
CMJS	2033	Criminal Law
CMJS	2043	Criminal Procedures

**Group C - General Education Electives**

Foreign language, natural or physical science, history, sociology, political science, economics, humanities or English

**\*Please see coordinator if you have paralegal related courses from another college(s). Course substitutions may be accepted.**

**NOTE: Students can be awarded 5 credit hours for completion of the Paralegal Certificate from the University of Arkansas School of Continuing Education and Academic Outreach. Three hours will substitute for Torts and 2 hours will apply towards the Paralegal, Legal or Work Related elective. Students must earn at Least 15 hours at NWACC and receive a grade of "C" or better in all LEGL courses to graduate. The paralegal program will only accept up to 12 hours of credit for legal specialty courses which are transferred in from other accredited paralegal programs, including programs which are approved by the American Bar Association. The decision as to whether a paralegal course from another institution will be accepted is the sole discretion of the NWACC paralegal program administrator.**

My advisor has explained this degree plan and I understand that I am responsible for following the above guidelines as defined in the college catalog for course prerequisites.

**Advisor's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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