Paralegal Studies Post-Baccalaureate Certificate
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Students enrolled in the Paralegal Studies AAS degree program or Post-Baccalaureate Paralegal Studies Certificate program must complete at least 25 percent of the legal specialty courses required for award of the degree or certificate at Georgia Piedmont Technical College. In addition, each student must complete a minimum of 10 percent of legal specialty courses delivered through traditional classroom instruction. The GPTC Paralegal Studies Program will only accept legal specialty transfer credits from other ABA approved schools. The GPTC Paralegal Studies Program does not award any legal specialty transfer credit through examination or portfolios.

Paralegals shall not engage in the unauthorized practice of law as per O.C.G.A. §15-19-51 and must work under the supervision of an attorney in good standing with the State Bar of Georgia.

Curriculum

Occupational Courses

Required Courses: 30

- PARA 1100 Introduction to Law and Ethics (3)
- PARA 1105 Legal Research and Legal Writing I (3)
- PARA 1110 Legal Research and Legal Writing II (3)
- PARA 1115 Family Law (3)
- PARA 1120 Real Estate Law (3)
- PARA 1125 Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure (3)
- PARA 1130 Civil Litigation (3)
- PARA 1150 Contracts, Commercial Law and Business Organizations (3)

Select six credits from the PARA course electives below: 6

- PARA 1135 Wills, Trusts and Probate Administration (3)
- PARA 1140 Tort Law (3)
- PARA 1145 Law Office Management (3)
- PARA 1200 Bankruptcy/Debtor-Creditor Relations (3)
- PARA 1205 Constitutional Law (3)
- PARA 1210 Legal and Policy Issues in Healthcare (3)
- PARA 1220 Intellectual Property Law (3)
- PARA 2210 Paralegal Internship I (6)

Total Credit Hour (minimum): 30