

# PARALEGAL STUDIES CERTIFICATE (M)

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The Paralegal Studies Certificate Program encompasses both a vocation and a way of thinking. It is characterized by attention to detail, logical reasoning, mental agility, versatility, the ability to identify and discern issues, critically synthesize and parse information and concepts, challenging oneself, and ethically and professionally resolving problems. Emboldened by CU's Christian mission of service to the Church and the world, emerging paralegal students are challenged to look through a service-oriented lens to benefit the legal profession, assist in the development and administration of public policy, promote justice, support the economic community, and strive to address conflict with Christian principles.

## Vision Statement

The vision of the Paralegal Studies Certificate Program is to be a dynamic neighbor and partner with organizations and communities in need of legal resources and is dedicated to training, nurturing, and developing valuable, ethical, and legal professionals through cultivating the knowledge and skills fundamental to achieving these ends.

## Mission Statement

The Paralegal Studies Certificate Program's mission is to offer a Christ-centered approach to educating, training, and developing students for careers in the paralegal profession and other law-related environments. The curriculum is based on the study of legal principles and the practical application of the law through simulation-concentrated learning.

## Curriculum

| Code   | Title                                      | Hours     |
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| <i>Required Courses</i>                          |  | <i>12</i> |
| PLGL 100   | Introduction to Paralegal Studies & Ethics |           |
| PLGL 101   | Legal Research & Writing I                 |           |
| PLGL 102   | Legal Research & Writing II                |           |
| PLGL 201   | Civil Litigation I                         |           |
| <i>Select three (3) from the following list:</i> |  | <i>9</i>  |
| PLGL 210   | Tort Law                                   |           |
| PLGL 220   | Contract Law                               |           |
| PLGL 230   | Legal Aspects of Business Org              |           |
| JPP 207  | Substantive Criminal Law                   |           |
| JPP 308  | Procedural Criminal Law                    |           |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                               |  | <b>21</b> |