# PARALEGAL STUDIES (CERTIFICATE)

**Catalog Effective Term:** Fall 2026
**Program Code:** CTPARA
**Credential:** Certificate
**Program is also available online**
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This entry-level certificate program is ideal for individuals currently working in a legal setting who wish to build their skills, as well as those interested in gaining a foundational understanding of the American legal system. The program provides essential knowledge and practical skills in areas such as legal terminology, legal research, writing, and ethics. Graduates will be equipped for potential advancement in the legal field, apply their skills in a variety of legal support roles or pursue further education in paralegal studies.

## Program Admission Requirements

Academic Reading and Writing Levels of 6.

**Minimum Credits Required for the Program: 19**

**Major/Area Requirements**

| Code | Title | Credits |
|---|---|---|
| CJT 120 | Criminal Justice Ethics | 3 |
| CJT 130 | Introduction to Paralegal Studies | 3 |
| CJT 156 | Everyday Law | 4 |
| CJT 160 | Criminal Justice Constitutional Law [1] | 3 |
| CJT 208 | Criminal Evidence and Procedure | 3 |
| CJT 209 | Criminal Law | 3 |
| **Total Credits** | | **19** |

[1] CJT 160 must be taken prior to CJT 208.