Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal Studies

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating with an Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal Studies will be able to:

• Produce superior university-level written documents and oral reports.
• Identify and accurately apply the rules of professional ethics governing lawyers and nonlawyer staff, and the rules governing the unauthorized practice of law in Alaska.
• Interpret and accurately apply legal terminology and foundational principles of substantive and procedural law in the analysis of legal issues.
• Develop and execute legal research plans using law library resources and commonly used legal research databases.
• Synthesize primary and secondary legal authorities and draft memoranda of legal analysis.
• Prepare legal investigation and discovery plans and draft legal pleadings that conform to the rules of civil procedure and incorporate standard techniques and resources for managing a case in litigation.
• Relate legal rules and doctrines to client problems in the performance of entry-level paralegal duties in a private law firm, public legal service agency or law department.