

WRIGHT COLLEGE PARALEGAL PROGRAM
MISSION STATEMENT, PROGRAM GOALS AND STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

The mission of the Wilbur Wright Paralegal Program is to offer students of diverse backgrounds, talents and abilities quality legal instruction leading to career advancement. We fulfill our mission through several activities which are designed to allow the students to develop effective listening, legal research, critical legal thinking, legal writing and technological skills. Our strategy encourages students to solve academic or job-related challenges in a manner that demonstrates proficiency in fundamental procedural and substantive law and in legal research and drafting techniques.

PROGRAM GOALS:

1. Develop a general framework and understanding of legal knowledge necessary to work as a paralegal in the legal field.
2. Through a logical progression of sequential and interrelated courses, develop the background, problem solving and decision-making skills so students can successfully work as paralegals.
3. To have every student proficient in legal research and communication.
4. Provide adequate opportunities for students to use current technology for research, writing and communication.
5. Develop effective instruction on legal ethics.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. Students will demonstrate the ability to think and read critically so that they can effectively solve legal problems.
2. Students will demonstrate competency in basic substantive and procedural law.
3. Students will be able to communicate effectively using legal terminology.
4. Students be able to perform legal research and writing at a level sufficient to enter the paralegal profession.
5. Students will be capable of using appropriate technologies to complete research and writing tasks.
6. Students will apply understanding of ethical principles learned in the classroom in the workplace.