

Beginning a path in Paralegal Studies

The major of Law and Para-Legal Studies gives many individuals with all kinds of interest to obtain a degree that may lead a way towards new careers. I would be obtaining my Associate Degree in paralegal studies of December 2014 from New York College of Technology. To become a working paralegal you can either can get Certified by the state or obtain an Associate or Bachelor Degree in Paralegal Studies from a well-developed college such as American Bar Association Approved. Some schools such as University of Pittsburgh, St. John's University in New York and Ball State University are known as top schools to obtain great knowledge and experience that will enhance a student career for paralegal studies. When interning for a lawyer, the experience helped grow my understanding toward what I would be actually doing once I start my career as a paralegal. It was many basic rules and procedure that I was taught my first couple of semesters in college which assisted me into getting assignments that the lawyer needed done.

Before graduating

Once I entered college, my skills were more of a mathematically individual, but I knew my passion towards the law was my career. When being a freshman for this major I started with taking Intro to paralegal studies and Civil Law which I gained knowledge on many ethical rules on actually what a paralegal can and cannot do. As learned in Intro class, a paralegal is not authorized to practice law in any way for any reason or give any legal advice. However, they are allowed to draft

documents speak with clients and follow the attorney to court when needed to handle tasks the attorney needs to get done. Their careers are very important to the law firm and a lawyer's case. A paralegal job may not be as simple as many may portrayed it to be, compared to a nurse in the medical field, a paralegal job is quite similar just with the law field. A nurse job description it to assist a doctor, provide incite as to what the problem may be, and prepare for medical procedures. However a nurse cannot write prescriptions, give medical advice, or practice medicine, similar to a paralegal job description. My following semester is where I took a legal research class and different practices a law classes such as Real Estate and Criminal law. The knowledge learned from legal research also helped improve my skills on legal citing, briefing cases, and sherardizing a case which helps the attorney of locating reports of appeals decisions based on prior precedents which will show your high level of experience when doing diligent and recent legal research. Just like any other career, the art of learning other practices that are in the law field can be a great way of improving skills that should be near perfect when start working for an actual law firm since many law firms may have more than one practice. Some may be interesting to learn, but to others it can be boring. After taking internship and preparing for graduation now my next goal is to continue my education to get my Bachelor Degree while working for a lawyer I was interning for as a paralegal.