PL S 160. Legal System for the Paralegal
3 Credits
Introduction to the court system, administrative agencies, functions of law offices, and professional conduct and legal ethics. Restricted to: Community Colleges only.
Prerequisite(s): ACT standard score in English of 16 or higher or a Compass score 76 or higher; for those scoring 13-15 in English on ACT or 35-75 on Compass, successful completion of CCDE 105N or CCDE 110N; for those scoring 12 or below on the ACT standard score in English or 34 or below on the Compass, successful completion of CCDE 105N & CCDE 110N.
PL S 161. Legal Terminology
3 Credits
Survey of the language of the law that will serve either as an introductory course or as a review course to prepare students for the certification test.
PL S 162. The Virtual Law Office
3 Credits
The Virtual Law Office course is a "hands-on", project oriented course designed to provide the student with the basic law office skills needed to function successfully in a law office setting. The student will gain a practical, working knowledge of the procedures necessary to work in a law office. The skills learned in the class will directly translate to real life situations. Restricted to: Community Colleges only.
Prerequisite(s): PL S 160.
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PL S 180. Constitutional Law for the Paralegal
3 Credits
Case standing of the law of the Constitution and Bill of Rights with regard to day-to-day applications in the law practice. Documents dealing with constitutional problems in both civil and criminal areas of law will be drafted and discussed.
Prerequisite: PL S 160.
PL S 190. Criminal Law for the Paralegal
3 Credits
Introduction to federal and state criminal law; criminal proceedings, prosecution and defense, sentencing and appeal.
Prerequisite: PL S 160.
PL S 200. Legal Ethics for the Paralegal
3 Credits
Introduction to ethical dilemmas faced in the workforce and the rules of ethics developed by the American Bar Association, various national paralegal organizations, and the Supreme Court of New Mexico. Restricted to: Community Colleges only.
Prerequisite(s): PL S 160.
PL S 203. Immigration Law
3 Credits
Survey of the basics of immigration law including the rights and obligations of citizenship and the naturalization process.
Prerequisite: PL S 160.
PL S 279. Legal Research and Writing for the Paralegal II
3 Credits
Continuation of PL S 274. Advanced training in legal research problems with a focus on analysis, writing, and preparation of sophisticated legal memoranda and documents.
Prerequisite: PL S 274.

PL S 280. Interviewing and Investigation for the Paralegal
3 Credits
Techniques of legal interviewing and investigation with emphasis on development of human relations and communication skills.
Prerequisite: PL S 160.

PL S 298. Independent Study
1-3 Credits (1-3)
Individual studies directed by consenting faculty with prior approval by department head. Restricted to Community Colleges campuses only.
Prerequisite(s): PL S 160.