The Paralegal Studies Program, approved by the American Bar Association, offers students a balanced and varied background in theoretical and practical aspects of law, which are necessary for work as a paralegal. Over 60% of our graduates go on to work as paralegals or continue onto law school. The Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Paralegal Studies provides a solid foundation for students aspiring to work in the legal field, go to law school or graduate school. It also develops intellectual and analytical skills, educates students for direct employment opportunities in the paralegal field, and provides additional career possibilities in combination with other undergraduate majors/minors. The Montclair State University Paralegal Studies Program was the first program in New Jersey to receive American Bar Association approval. ParalegalEDU.org reviewed more than 200 post-associate and post-baccalaureate programs and selected the Post-BA Certificate in Paralegal Studies at Montclair State University as their favorite in New Jersey for 2018!

Paralegals (sometimes referred to as legal assistants or legal analysts) work under the supervision of an attorney, in a variety of areas ranging from real estate, litigation and family law to intellectual property, estate and criminal practice.

This is a 21-credit certificate with a requirement of a 2.75 overall GPA.

With the exception of giving legal advice, making court appearances and setting fees, a paralegal may carry out many tasks. Paralegals may not provide legal services directly to the public, except as permitted by law.

Program Requirements
Complete with a minimum 2.75 GPA:

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**Selected Courses**
Select 12 credits from the following: 12

### Group A
Select 3-12 credits from the following:
- PALG 304 | Real Estate Law
- PALG 306 | Contract Law
- PALG 310 | Fundamentals of Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law
- PALG 322 | Wills, Trusts and Probate Law
- PALG 330 | Family Law
- PALG 336 | Corporations and Partnerships

### Group B
Select 0-9 credits from the following:
- PALG 301 | Criminal Law and Procedure
- PALG 305 | Immigration Law
- PALG 308 | Negotiation, Mediation and Arbitration
- PALG 317 | Evidence
- PALG 318 | Computer-Assisted Research in the Legal Environment

### Group C
Select 0-3 credits from the following:
- JUST 351 | Juries and Justice
- JUST 360 | Rights, Liberties and American Justice
- PALG 316 | Skills for Bilingual Legal Personnel
- POLS 321 | Law in Society: Criminal Law

**Seminar or Internship**
- PALG 497 | Paralegal Seminar and Internship
- or PALG 498 | Cooperative Education: Paralegal Studies

Total Credits 21