

PARALEGAL STUDIES FACT SHEET

Department of Finance

Majors/Minors/Concentrations

- Finance (BSBA)
 - Corporate Finance
 - Personal Finance
- Real Estate (BSBA)
 - General Real Estate
- Paralegal Studies (BSBA)
- Paralegal Studies (BS Integrative Studies)

Quality Education

- ❖ Approved by the American Bar Association, this program holds the highest approval possible for a paralegal course of study. Clarion University is the only university in the State System of Higher Education to achieve ABA approval. It is one of only three institutions of higher learning in Western Pennsylvania to achieve this distinction. It is one of only 257 approved programs in the United States.
- ❖ Clarion University's Paralegal Program has also been accepted for membership in the American Association of Paralegal Educators.
- ❖ According the United States Department of Labor, paralegal employment opportunities will grow at a 28% rate through 2018. Mean salary across the United States is \$46,128 with higher salaries in the Pittsburgh Area.

Program Preparation

- ❖ Specialized Legal Classes
 - Litigation
 - Family Law
 - Wills and Estates
 - Real Estate Law
 - Computerized Legal Research
 - Administrative Law
- ❖ Other Law Subjects
 - Torts
 - Constitution
 - Contracts
 - Environmental Law
 - Corporations
 - Partnerships
 - Legal Ethics
 - Business Entities
- ❖ All paralegal courses count toward the completion of any other major in the College of Business Administration. The BS in Paralegal Integrative Studies is a parallel program for non-business students.
- ❖ The Paralegal Studies Programs are designed to provide for the education of paralegals. A legal assistant or paralegal is a person qualified by education, training, or work experience, who is employed or retained by a lawyer, law office, corporation, governmental agency, or other entity and who performs specifically delegated substantive legal work for which a lawyer is responsible. A paralegal may not practice law.



Student Organizations

- ❖ Paralegal Club: Conducts trips to observe local legal proceedings. Previous Paralegal Club trips include a trip to Washington, DC, to the Supreme Court.
- ❖ A variety of other student organizations are available.

Scholarships

- ❖ Scholarships are available including a paralegal specific scholarship that is awarded yearly.

Internships

- ❖ An internship program in the department provides students with the opportunity to obtain practical experience and interact in the legal community.



Department Faculty and Staff

- ❖ Dr. Scott Allen, Law, JD, The Dickinson School of Law
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