

**CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION** 

# LEGAL STUDIES & PARALEGAL PRACTICE

2 YEARS / 900 HOURS / OCVTS TOMS RIVER CAMPUS

Paralegals and legal assistants support legal professionals in law firms, government agencies, and other organizations. They can perform legal research, draft legal documents, interview clients, assist in court, communicate with government agencies, and coordinate cases.



## **Related Job Titles**

- Paralegal
- Legal Assistant
- Attorney
- Law Clerk
- Human Resources Officer
- · Contract Administrator
- Mediator
- · Claims Investigator



## **Career Ladder**

Most entrants in this career begin as a legal assistant or paralegal for a law firm. Students might decide to further their education to receive an associates or bachelors degree in the field and continue to law school to pursue a Juris Doctor degree.



#### Certificates

**OCVTS Certificate of Completion** 



A dual enrollment agreement is pending with a local college, enabling students to receive credits for college level paralegal classes while at OCVTS. Students will be upon successful completion of the program.

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# Skills You Will Learn

- Fundamentals of U.S. legal system & various areas of law
- Legal research, case management, and legal document drafting
- Ethical considerations and professional responsibilities
- Legal technology and documentation
- Legal writing and document organization
- Conducting client interviews



# **Preferred Skills for Career Field**

You should prefer:

- Reading, researching, and writing
- · Communicating and collaborating
- · Client and court interaction
- · Being detail-oriented

You should be able to:

- · Read and comprehend text
- Engage in critical thinking
- Practice time management
- Communicate in writing and verbally



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