



Paralegal Studies (Legal Assisting) (2299) | A.S. Degree

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Associate in Science (A.S.) in Paralegal Studies (Legal Assisting) degree focuses on the substantive areas of law, as well as the practical application of the law to develop the skills necessary to succeed in the legal profession. Receiving instruction directly from attorneys in the only American Bar Association (ABA)-approved program in North Florida, students benefit from opportunities to apply their skills to conduct legal research, draft legal documents and pleadings, utilize law-related technology and build communication skills using ethical and professional standards.

Upon completion, graduates may also take the Certified Paralegal (CP) Credential test to earn their license.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- High school diploma or high school equivalent
- Complete Admissions Test and include the results in the application file
- Submit completed program application
- Forward official college transcripts to the College
- Check the catalog to learn about all course and program prerequisites

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- 64 Credit Hours
- Financial Aid Eligible
- Online and Face-to-Face Courses

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Apply online at fscj.edu/admissions.

*FSCJ's A.S. in Paralegal Studies is accredited
by the American Bar Association (ABA).*

FSCJ Florida State College
at Jacksonville

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When can I start?

New student enrollment for the program begins every year for the Fall Term. However, FSCJ enrolls students year-round.

Where are the educational courses held?

General education courses are offered at any of FSCJ's campuses and centers, as well as online. The professional core courses for this program are offered at FSCJ South Campus.

What is the cost of the program?

Many students attending FSCJ qualify for financial aid, which can greatly reduce out-of-pocket expenses. This program is Federal financial aid eligible. *The approximate cost of tuition and fees is \$6,712.**

Besides tuition and fees, students have to pay for things like living expenses, transportation, supplies and books. Book costs vary widely by program and course selection as well as choice of electives; students are encouraged to budget about \$60 per credit hour.

**Tuition reflects Florida resident rates and are subject to change. Certain classes that require labs may have additional fees for lab supplies. Additional fees are published in the class schedule.*

What other programs are related to the field?

Students who have an interest in the Paralegal Studies (A.S.) may also be interested in the following FSCJ programs:

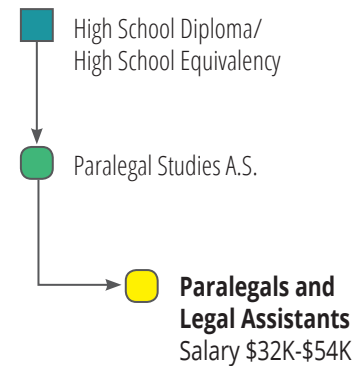
- Criminal Justice Technology (A.S.)
- Business Administration (A.S.)
- Paralegal Studies (A.T.C.)

Note: The Paralegal Studies (A.T.C.) is for students **who already hold a bachelor's degree** from an accredited institution. The A.T.C. is a limited-access program and applicants must meet specific criteria to be admitted.

Where can I get more information about potential careers?

Research local job opportunities, wage data, career paths and market trends at fscj.emsicareercoach.com.

CAREER PATHWAY



Source: Payscale.com

JOB PROFILE

Duval and
Nassau Counties

Paralegal and Legal Assistants

Local employment	1,108
Number of job openings	132/year
10-year job growth	12%

Expected salaries by area and occupation may be found at bls.gov/oes/tables.htm

Potential employers:

- Corporations
- Courthouses
- Governmental and administrative agencies
- Nonprofit organizations
- Other legal environments
- Private law firms