Nurse Paralegal

Division of Social Sciences — Curriculum Code: 3210

Will Earn Upon Program Completion: Certificate of Completion

Corporations, law firms, insurance companies, HMOs, risk management groups, government agencies, and hospitals are seeking qualified personnel trained in medicine and the law. This program offers paralegal education and training to nurses who are RNs and wish to be involved in the legal profession as legal nurse consultants or nurse paralegals.

COURSES

Program Requirements

MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS
PLS 102 Legal Research and Writing (3 credits)
PLS 105 Torts (3 credits)
PLS 108 Introduction to Nurse Paralegalism (3 credits)
PLS 202 Advanced Legal Research and Writing (3 credits)
PLS 205 Administrative Law (3 credits)
PLS 206 Litigation Procedures (3 credits)
PLS 211 Medical Legal Ethics (3 credits)

Note: To enter this program, you need at least an associate's degree in Nursing, and you must also be able to demonstrate that you have met the general education requirements of Essex County College. In addition, you must show evidence of at least two years of nursing experience.

RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF COURSES
Total Credits Required for Certificate of Achievement: 21

First Semester
PLS 102 Legal Research and Writing (3 credits)
PLS 105 Torts (3 credits)
PLS 108 Introduction to Nurse Paralegalism (3 credits)

Second Semester
PLS 202 Advanced Legal Research and Writing (3 credits)
PLS 205 Administrative Law (3 credits)

Third Semester
PLS 206 Litigation Procedures (3 credits)
PLS 211 Medical Legal Ethics (3 credits)

ADDITIONAL NOTE

The Nurse Paralegal program prepares students to work under the supervision of an attorney. A paralegal shall not engage in the unauthorized practice of law. Only attorneys can provide legal services directly to the public.

NOTES:

(1) This plan assumes the completion of all required developmental courses in Reading, English, and Mathematics as well as other pre-requisites and co-requisites for some of the courses, as listed in the Course Descriptions section.