

ACCESS TO JUSTICE LETTER OF RECOGNITION (CAREER)

Program website (<https://www.frederick.edu/programs/business/paralegal.aspx>)

Program Description

Develops paralegals qualified to perform legal services under supervision to assist self-help center, private pro bono, or limited scope attorneys. Promotes access to justice to low- and moderate-income people in crisis. Offers specialized training that incorporates field placement to connect trained paralegals with legal professionals offering no cost/low cost services.

Students earning this letter of recognition will automatically receive a printed LOR diploma.

Program Learning Outcomes

- Analyze access to justice topics and navigate related issues.
- Practice requisite professionalism and ethical responsibility.
- Serve pro se litigants or clients with limited scope representation while under supervision.
- Facilitate intake interviews, conflict of interest checks, disclaimers and preliminary tasks involved with serving low- and moderate-income people in need.
- Gather information using print and computerized legal resources and governmental databases.
- Provide support for people facing unique challenges that occur from having legal issues and limited resources.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Departmental Requirements		
LGST 100	Introduction to Law	3
LGST 103	Ethics for the Legal Professional	3
LGST 150	Access to Justice Practicum I	4
Total Credits		10

Guided Pathway to Success (GPS)

Suggested schedules map your path to degree completion.

Students should meet with an advisor each semester to carefully select and sequence courses based on their specific academic goals and interests. Visit Jefferson Hall or call 301.846.2471 for advising.

Recommended First Semester		Credits
LGST 100	Introduction to Law	3
LGST 103	Ethics for the Legal Professional	3
LGST 150	Access to Justice Practicum I	4
Credits		10
Total Credits		10

Part-time Students

Part-time students should complete courses in the order listed on the pathway. Please contact program manager for questions about part-time status.

Students who take fewer than 15 credits each semester or who require developmental English or Math coursework will need additional semesters to complete their degrees. Summer term and January session classes may help students to make faster progress.

Pathway Legend

Milestone - courses with the Milestone notation should be taken within the recommend credit range to stay on track for program completion.

Fall, Spring, Summer - courses with a Fall, Spring, or Summer notation indicate the course is offered in the specified semester only.