Paralegal Studies
Graduate Programs
ONLINE
Go the Distance.
You have a passion for the law. You are socially responsible and engaged. You want to influence lives – especially your own. You want to be in a fast-growing profession that prizes diversity, experience, and ambition.

One of a select few paralegal master's degrees in the country and designed specifically for working professionals, GW's online paralegal studies programs can take you where you want to be: in a rewarding career with real earning potential.

If you are an established paralegal who aspires to advance in the profession, GW's Master of Paralegal Studies online program will give you the skills and confidence you need to drive your professional success and lead the field. If you are seeking to enter the profession, the GW Graduate Certificate in Paralegal Studies is the credential that law firms, corporations, government agencies, and associations recognize and respect.

From a Distance.
GW's online Paralegal Studies graduate programs deliver the complete GW experience in a convenient online format, making it possible for you to earn an accredited degree from a top-tier university while you maintain your schedule at work and at home.

EXPERIENCE THE GW DIFFERENCE

+ **Rigorous**: Learn from experts and benefit from the rich resources you can only find in the nation’s capital. One of few paralegal master’s degrees in the country, the GW Paralegal Studies program is further distinguished by its association with the GW Law School, one of the nation’s top-rated law schools.

+ **Current**: Employers demand real skills and GW provides them. We work with employers from all sectors to identify the skills that are most in demand and then ensure that our graduates master those skills.

+ **Innovative**: GW’s integrated curriculum weaves career preparation, ethics and professionalism, technology, and effective written and oral communication throughout the program so that students internalize these critical skills. Fully online coursework accommodates the unique demands of working professionals.

+ **Recognized**: GW is nationally-recognized for being at the forefront of paralegal education, offering the curriculum, faculty, learning outcomes, and overall student experience other schools aspire to provide. The online master’s degree is acknowledged as one of the nation’s “best online programs” and has been ranked by AAFPE for having the #1 and #2 best paralegal courses in the country.

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The Master of Paralegal Studies degree is an advanced credential that can take you where you want to be: in a rewarding career with real earning potential. The sophisticated curriculum prepares you to work in law firms, government agencies, corporations, non-profits, and institutions.

The 32-credit program comprises six semesters of two courses each and launches three times per year. Start with a solid core of legal foundation courses, and then move on to study government law, intellectual property law, and international law. The independent research project and practicum provide a robust capstone where students apply what they have learned.

The Graduate Certificate is a highly sought-after academic credit bearing post-baccalaureate credential that is recognized and respected by law firms, corporations, government agencies, and associations.

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**Curriculum**

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**Total Credit Hours**

- **Graduate Certificate**: 18
- **Master's Degree**: 32

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**WHAT SETS GW – AND YOU – APART?**

One word: passion. GW’s passion for excellence is reflected in everything we do; your passion for the law and for that excellence is what brought you to GW. There are lots of programs out there that are good; some are really good. But for some people, good enough is not good enough. For those people, there’s GW. GW students want to be the best paralegals they can be and seek to lead the profession. GW students are ambitious, fearless, influential, and engaged. If you share this passion for excellence and you are ready to go the distance, I invite you to contact an Enrollment Advisor to discuss how GW can help you get where you want to go.

*Toni Marsh*

Director, GW Paralegal Studies Program
ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants to GW’s online Paralegal Studies programs must have a Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

If you are ready to go the distance and wish to apply to the online Master of Paralegal Studies program or our online Graduate Certificate, please contact an Enrollment Advisor to schedule an informal phone interview.

Your Enrollment Advisor will then help you prepare and submit a formal application. Your Advisor is an excellent resource who will provide personal feedback on your application materials, ensure that your submitted portfolio is as strong as possible, and inform you of pertinent application deadlines.

*Minimum admission requirements are used to establish an applicant’s eligibility for the program; meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance.

Application Materials

• Completed application for admission
• 250-500 word statement of academic objectives and professional goals
• Resume of professional experience
• Two professional recommendations (professional and/or academic)
• Official transcripts from each college or university attended
• Applicants who have not graduated from an American university may be asked to provide their official score from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination (minimum score for paper-based is 550 and computer-based is 213 to qualify) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) examination (with an overall band score of 6.0) for applicants who have not graduated from a University located in the United States or other English-speaking country.

About The George Washington University

The George Washington University (GW) is a thriving academic institution, located in the heart of Washington, D.C. Chartered by the United States Congress in 1821, GW has remained the largest higher education institution in the capital city for more than 180 years. In this hub of both national and international power and influence, GW helps to shape the leaders who benefit and serve the global community.

The College of Professional Studies (CPS) is recognized as a catalyst for academic innovation, constructing credentials for the workforce that uphold the University’s standards of academic excellence and respond to the needs of today’s professionals. The College’s innovative programs are developed by GW subject experts with direction and ongoing feedback from our valued industry partners, including government agencies, professional associations, consulting organizations, and business and industry leaders. CPS online programs attract some of the best faculty and students nationwide.

Accreditation & Recognition

The George Washington University is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. GW is also recognized as one of America’s Best National Universities by U.S. News & World Report.

The GW paralegal studies program is an institutional member of the American Association for Paralegal Education (AAIPE), National Federation of Paralegal Associations (NFPA), International Paralegal Management Association (IPMA), Lambda Epsilon Chi (LEX), and National Capital Area Paralegal Association (NCAPA).

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