

Careers in Health Services Administration

Career Path: Healthcare Paralegal

Healthcare paralegals typically work for hospitals, insurers, or law firms specializing in medical malpractice lawsuits or defense. They may also work for the government, in social services, or for regulatory agencies. Pharmaceutical companies and non-profit social services agencies also employ paralegals to help clients with insurance and healthcare industry issues.

Paralegals can also work at medical-legal partnerships, as well as organizations that deal with HIPAA, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, which demands constant legal review and input.



Recommended Courses:

For students interested in a career as a healthcare paralegal, these courses are recommended as liberal arts or free electives. These courses enhance a student's knowledge of the police, courts, and legal system.

JUS1100 Introduction to Justice Studies

Introduces the major institutions of justice in society. Topics include justice in a free society, the police, courts, correctional services, the balance of individual rights and public order, law and public policy, and factors affecting the future of the justice system.

LAW1100 Introduction to Law

Introduces the United States legal system. This course examines the structure and administration of the state and federal courts; the function of the trial and appellate courts; the sources of law; the differentiation between procedural and substantive law; and the legal principles of torts, contracts, criminal, civil and property law.

SOC2218 Police and Society

Introduces the history and traditions of American policing. Examines the role of the police in advancing justice in a democratic society. Topics include law enforcement operations and strategies, such as profiling, organizational structure, community affairs, police use of force, and various major concerns in public policy.

Career Paths are not minors or concentrations and will not be noted on a student's transcript or diploma. Career Paths are suggested electives to fill elective credits.