

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES IN THE FIELD OF PARALEGAL STUDIES WITH A CONCENTRATION IN HEALTH CARE CORPORATE COMPLIANCE

The master of professional studies (MPS) in the field of paralegal studies with a concentration in health care corporate compliance degree program allows paralegal students to enroll in the master of paralegal studies (<http://bulletin.gwu.edu/professional-studies/graduate-programs/paralegal-studies>) program and the health care corporate compliance graduate certificate (<http://cps.gwu.edu/healthcare-compliance>) program concurrently and receive both credentials. The MPS is an advanced credential for those who wish to lead the profession in a variety of settings such as law, finance, insurance, consulting, and health care; the graduate certificate is the nationally-recognized industry standard.

At the completion of the program, graduates will have acquired the skills, knowledge, and abilities required to enter the field of health care law. The rigorous curriculum balances analysis and critical thinking with applied skills, and focuses on written and oral communication, research, and managing complex tasks and teams -- all skills that employers demand. The program is offered in both campus (<http://cps.gwu.edu/paralegal>) and distance learning (<http://paralegalstudiesmasters.online.gwu.edu>) formats.

Specific admission requirements can be found on the Graduate Program Finder (<http://www.gwu.edu/all-graduate-programs>).

Visit the program website (<http://cps.gwu.edu/healthcare-compliance>) for additional information.

REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must hold a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning or international equivalent. Additional admission requirements can be found on the Graduate Program Finder (<http://www.gwu.edu/all-graduate-programs>).

See CPS regulations for additional information regarding enrollment status and time limits.

COURSES

Explanation of Course Numbers

- Courses in the 1000s are primarily introductory undergraduate courses
- Those in the 2000s to 4000s are upper-division undergraduate courses that can also be taken for graduate credit with permission and additional work
- Those in the 6000s and 8000s are for master's, doctoral, and professional-level students

- The 6000s are open to advanced undergraduate students with approval of the instructor and the dean or advising office

PSHC 6201. Introduction to Health Care Corporate Compliance. 3 Credits.

PSHC 6202. Compliance with Laws and Regulations I. 3 Credits.

Issues of governance and corporate responsibility, anti-kickback and antitrust law, Civil False Claims Act, emergency medical treatment, and enforcement initiatives.

PSHC 6203. Case Studies in Health Care Corporate Compliance. 3 Credits.

Case study approach to investigation and analysis of compliance issues. Application of principles and diagnostic and remediation skills to real-world situations. Prerequisite: PSHC 6202.

PSHC 6204. Compliance with Laws and Regulations II. 3 Credits.

Issues of governance and corporate responsibility, HIPAA compliance and enforcement, federal tax law, Stark law, Sherman Act, Clayton Act, antitrust enforcement policy in health care. Corequisite: PSHC 6206. Prerequisites: PSHC 6201 and PSHC 6202.

PSHC 6206. Case Studies in Health Care Corporate Compliance. 3 Credits.

Case study approach to investigation and analysis of compliance issues. Application of principles and diagnostic and remediation skills to real-world situations. Corequisite: PSHC 6204. Prerequisites: PSHC 6201 and PSHC 6202.

PSLX 6210. American Jurisprudence. 3 Credits.

An introduction to the foundations, theories, history, and applications of the American legal system; local, state, and federal courts and sources of law; and ethics and professionalism issues of especial importance to paralegals.

PSLX 6211. Legal Research and Writing. 3 Credits.

Fundamentals of legal research using print and online tools.

PSLX 6212. Litigation. 3 Credits.

Legal technology and the rules of court, procedure, and evidence; technical and substantive skills necessary for effective litigation support.

PSLX 6213. Corporations and Contracts Law. 3 Credits.

PSLX 6214. Administrative Law. 3 Credits.

An introduction to administrative and regulatory law; history and development of administrative law; agency, due process, agency actions, administrative investigation and hearings, and judicial review.

PSLX 6215. Government Contracts Law. 3 Credits.

The law of procuring, forming, and executing government contracts, including drafting and litigation; competition requirements, contract changes, and contract terminations; researching and drafting documents common to a government contracts practice.

PSLX 6216. Elements of Intellectual Property Law. 3 Credits.

PSLX 6217. Prosecution and Litigation in Intellectual Law Practice. 3 Credits.

PSLX 6218. International Trade and Finance. 3 Credits.

PSLX 6219. International Litigation. 3 Credits.

PSLX 6221. Tanzanian Legal System. 3 Credits.

PSLX 6222. Tanzanian Community Law. 3 Credits.

PSLX 6223. Contracts. 3 Credits.

Contract elements, their attendant legal ramifications, and the processes necessary to make such determinations. Development of legal reasoning skills in evaluating issues arising from contract law.

PSLX 6224. Advanced Legal Writing. 3 Credits.

Advanced legal writing techniques and drafting for legal practice. Legal writing in plain English; strategies for effective writing; emphasis on legal memoranda, legal correspondence, and preparing and drafting legal pleadings and documents for court. Refines and advances skills in written legal analysis and legal citation.

PSLX 6225. Business Entities. 3 Credits.

Overview of business organizations, including partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations. Key concepts applicable to business organizations, including regulation, business formation, document preparation. Application of legal analysis within the context of business entities and other topics applicable to paralegals in all disciplines.

PSLX 6226. International Law. 3 Credits.

Introduction and survey of international law, including international trade law and litigation. Rules and principles governing relations among sovereign states, international organizations, and sources of international law. Analysis of the rules and customs for handling international trade. International courts and tribunals; overview of the treaties, customary principles, and institutional structures governing international human rights law.

PSLX 6227. Intellectual Property Law. 3 Credits.

Introduction to the legal structure of an intellectual property practice. Trademarks, copyrights, and patents and the supporting practice concomitant to each element. Analysis of the processes, supporting documentation, laws, and rules regarding patent prosecution and litigation. This course complements and builds upon the legal issues and analysis introduced in the courses on contracts, business entities, and litigation.

PSLX 6294. Independent Research in Legal Studies. 2 Credits.

Guided, independent research to demonstrate the higher level of competency in research, analysis, writing, and oral presentation. Restricted to master's degree candidates in the paralegal studies programs.

PSLX 6298. Paralegal Practicum. 0-3 Credits.

Students work in legal environments while completing their studies, taking active roles to obtain, manage, and maximize the value of their positions. Restricted to master's degree candidates in the paralegal studies programs.