

**Community College of Rhode Island
Criminal Justice & Legal Studies Department**

Paralegal Studies Major

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of program, students are expected to (know and be able to do):

1. write clear, effective, and conventional English in the preparation of memorandums, briefs, substantive legal documents, and litigation documents;
2. apply critical thinking skills in the reading and interpretation of legal materials (statutes, court decisions, legal documents, litigation documents);
3. understand the legal concepts and terminology in substantive areas of the law studied (contracts, property, estates, torts, business organizations);
4. have a basic knowledge of procedural rules in both the civil and criminal areas of the law and understand the relationship between procedural rules and substantive law;
5. draft appropriate documents needed by a lawyer or law firm in civil litigation matters including pleadings, motions, and discovery documents
6. conduct research on legal topics and questions using primary legal materials (constitutions, statutes, court decisions, and regulations)