

**South Texas College
Fall 2005 Student Learning Outcomes**

PROGRAM NAME: Paralegal

Guiding Principle	Student Learning Outcome	Assessment Tool	Passing Standard	Actual Results (Total # and % of students passing standard)	changes
1 Be a premier learning-centered higher education institution where student and community success are paramount.					
STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES FOR PARALEGAL					
	1 Develop a legal vocabulary; explain fundamental legal concepts and systems.	1.) Assigned Homework 2.) Theory Exams 3.) Production Exams 4.) Comprehensive Final Exam	Students must score 70% or higher on the average of the Assessment Tools.	Total Students = 61 # of Students Passing = 51 % of Students Passing Course = 84%	There are NO changes at this time.
	2 Define and properly use terminology relating to various areas of legal practice including, civil, criminal, family, probate and estate, property, tort, and business organizations.	1.) Assigned Homework 2.) Theory Exams 3.) Production Exams 4.) Comprehensive Final Exam	Students must score 70% or higher on the average of the Assessment Tools.	Total Students = 61 # of Students Passing = 51 % of Students Passing Course = 84%	There are NO changes at this time.
	3 Explain the ethical obligations of the legal professions with particular emphasis on the paralegal's role.	1.) Assigned Homework 2.) Theory Exams 3.) Production Exams 4.) Comprehensive Final Exam	Students must score 70% or higher on the average of the Assessment Tools.	Total Students = 35 # of Students Passing = 28 % of Students Passing Course = 80%	There are NO changes at this time.
	4 Explain ethical issues relating to law office operations.	1.) Assigned Homework 2.) Theory Exams 3.) Production Exams 4.) Comprehensive Final Exam	Students must score 70% or higher on the average of the Assessment Tools.	Total Students = 35 # of Students Passing = 28 % of Students Passing Course = 80%	There are NO changes at this time.
	5 Write clear, concise memoranda and briefs based on legal analysis.	1.) Assigned Homework 2.) Theory Exams 3.) Production Exams 4.) Comprehensive Final Exam	Students must score 70% or higher on the average of the Assessment Tools.	Total Students = 28 # of Students Passing = 25 % of Students Passing Course = 89%	There are NO changes at this time.
	6 Design and implement effective research strategies.	1.) Assigned Homework 2.) Theory Exams 3.) Production Exams 4.) Comprehensive Final Exam	Students must score 70% or higher on the average of the Assessment Tools.	Total Students = 2 # of Students Passing = 2 % of Students Passing Course = 100%	There are NO changes at this time.
	7 Design and implement effective research strategies.	1.) Assigned Homework 2.) Theory Exams 3.) Production Exams 4.) Comprehensive Final Exam	Students must score 70% or higher on the average of the Assessment Tools.	Total Students = 2 # of Students Passing = 2 % of Students Passing Course = 100%	There are NO changes at this time.

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		8 Utilize computer assisted legal research tools and demonstrate the proepr role fo these tools.	1.) Assigned Homework 2.) Theory Exams 3.) Production Exams 4.) Comprehensive Final Exam	Students must score 70% or higher on the average of the Assessment Tools.	Total Students = 2 # of Students Passing = 2 % of Students Passing Course = 100%	There are NO changes at this time.
		9 Locate and analyze cases and statutes relating to vairous areas of legal practice.	1.) Assigned Homework 2.) Theory Exams 3.) Production Exams 4.) Comprehensive Final Exam	Students must score 70% or higher on the average of the Assessment Tools.	Total Students = 2 # of Students Passing = 2 % of Students Passing Course = 100%	There are NO changes at this time.
		10 Draft documents commonly used in various areas of legal practice.	1.) Assigned Homework 2.) Theory Exams 3.) Production Exams 4.) Comprehensive Final Exam	Students must score 70% or higher on the average of the Assessment Tools.	Total Students = 28 # of Students Passing = 25 % of Students Passing Course = 89%	There are NO changes at this time.
		11 Identify and explain the fundamental principles of management and administrative and substantive systems of the law office.	1.) Assigned Homework 2.) Theory Exams 3.) Production Exams 4.) Comprehensive Final Exam	Students must score 70% or higher on the average of the Assessment Tools.	Total Students = 2 # of Students Passing = 2 % of Students Passing Course = 100%	There are NO changes at this time.
		12 Explain the role fo technology in the management and adminisitation of the law office.	1.) Assigned Homework 2.) Theory Exams 3.) Production Exams 4.) Comprehensive Final Exam	Students must score 70% or higher on the average of the Assessment Tools.	Total Students = 18 # of Students Passing = 18 % of Students Passing Course = 100%	There are NO changes at this time.