

The goals for this American Bar Association approved program are:

- 1) To train students to become paralegals, in order to permit them to assist attorneys in effectively delivering legal services, and
- 2) To educate students in a way that will permit them to advance the paralegal profession and to maintain high ethical standards.

While paralegals may not practice law, they work under the supervision of attorneys in private law firms or businesses, as well as in many government agencies. Tasks performed by paralegals include interviewing, investigation, research, preparing legal forms, assisting attorneys in court, and other activities. If you have questions, contact the Program Coordinator at 303-797-5878. The Paralegal program is approved by the American Bar Association. The American Bar Association can be reached at 321 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60610, 3012-988-5000. Paralegal courses from other institutions may be transferred to the program ONLY if they were taken from an ABA approved program.

Students should take PAR 115 and PAR 213 in their first semester of study. Students should have CPT sentence skill scores of 95+ and CPT reading scores of 80+ to successfully complete PAR 213.

All major, general education courses and other courses required for this degree must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. To graduate students must complete an exit interview and apply for graduation. Paralegal courses must be taken within six years of a student's graduation.

Major Courses –27 credit hours

	PAR 115 Introduction to Law	3
	PAR 116 Torts	3
	PAR 118 Contracts	3
	PAR 125 Property Law	3
	PAR 201 Civil Litigation I**	3
	PAR 206 Business Organizations**	3
	PAR 213 Legal Research and Writing I	3
	PAR 214 Legal Research and Writing II**	3
	PAR 287 Cooperative Education*	3

General Education Courses – 24 credit hours

	ENG 121 English Composition I	3
	ENG 122 English Composition II	3
	SPE 115 Public Speaking OR	
	SPE 125 Interpersonal Communications	3
	Students must select 12 credits from the following: ECO 201/202, HIS, HUM, LIT, PHI, POS, PSY, SOC, SPA	12
	Students must select 3 credits from the following: AST, BIO 100+, CHE, GEO, PHY, MAT 106+	3

Restricted Electives –9 credit hours

Choose any three of the following:

	PAR 114 Computers and the Law	3
	PAR 117 Family Law	3
	PAR 202 Evidence**	3
	PAR 205 Criminal Law**	3
	PAR 208 Probate and Estates**	3
	PAR 215 Alternative Dispute Resolution**	3
	PAR 216 Employment law**	3
	PAR 217 Environmental Law**	3
	PAR 218 Bankruptcy Law**	3
	PAR 228 Intellectual Property**	3
	PAR Any PAR course	3

*This course may be waived and a paralegal elective substituted with specific prior legal experience

** Course has prerequisite

_____ Total Required – 60 credits

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

STUDENT SERVICES

Admission and Records	M2470	303.797.5621
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation coordination • Residency petitions • General information 		
Advising and Counseling Center	M 2010	303.797.5664
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational planning • Transfer advising • Academic success counseling 		
Bookstore	M1200	303.797.5676
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Order books online at www.efollett.com 		
Campus Police	M2600	303.797.5800
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student ID cards, parking permits, locker rental • Crime reporting, escort to your car after hours • First aid • Lost and found 		
Career Center	M2025	303.797.5805
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career planning seminars • Career resource library • Employment services • Job fairs 		
Cashier	M2300	303-797-5638
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition payment, payment plans, refunds, general financial information • Ticket sales 		
Child Development Center	N1000	303.797.5678
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High quality, flexible, convenient, moderately-priced childcare services for ACC students, staff and faculty on a space-available basis 		
Disability Services	M2710	303.797.5937 v/tty
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic accommodations and specialized consultation for students with documented disabilities. Computer adaptations for students with vision, learning, orthopedic, or other disabilities. 		
Financial Aid	M2115	303.797.5661
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply online at www.FAFSA.ed.gov 		
Information Central	M2800	303-797-4222
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration, Add/Drop, Withdrawal, Schedules and general information • Name/address/personal information changes etc. 		
Library (Weber Center for Learning Resources)	M2500	303.797.5090
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private study rooms 		
Math Lab	M3610	303.797.5877
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students must register for MAT 101 Enhanced Mathematics Lab 		
Open Computer Lab	M1650	303.797.5907
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FREE computer access for registered students with an ACC Student ID 		
Student Affairs	M2820	303.797.5668
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Senate • Student Newspaper • Student Clubs and Programming • Student Grievances and Discipline 		
Testing Center	M2280	303.797.5993
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computerized Placement Test (CPT) • GED testing, Instructor testing, CLEP/correspondence testing 		
Tutorial Services	M2710	303.797.5937 v/tty
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FREE workshops and academic tutors to supplement and enrich course requirements for those that qualify 		
Writing Center	M2855	303.797.5830
Location Abbreviations:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A – Annex. • AD – Art and Design Center • CSB – Church Street Building • DTC – Triad N Bldg Suite 111 (5660 Greenwood Plaza Blvd, Greenwood Village) • M – Main Building • N – North Building • UCC – University Center at Chaparral (15653 Brookstone Dr, Parker) 		

ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS:

Basic Skills courses may be required based on assessment scores. It is the student's responsibility to take these course requirements within the first 30 credits at ACC. Basic Skills courses are also available at other area community colleges.

Tested Out/ Completed	Semester	ACT/ SAT Last 2 yrs	Accuplacer	Course	Credits	
Sentence Skills						
			25-49	See Developmental Studies Advisor		
			50-69	ENG060	3	
			70-94	ENG090	3	
		18/440	95-120	ENG 121	3	
Reading						
			25-39	See Developmental Studies Advisor		
			40-61	REA060	3	
			62-79	REA090	3	
		17/430	80-120	REA 112	3	
Mathematics						
			Arithmetic 24-56	MAT030	2	
			Arithmetic 57-120	MAT060	3	
			Elem. Alg. 45-60	MAT090	4	
			Elem. Alg. 61-84	MAT106/111	5	
		19/460	85-120	MAT 120,121,123,135/179	4	
Study Skills/Orientation						
			Academic Achievement Strategies		AAA090	3
			College Orientation		AAA103	1
			Advanced Academic Achievement		AAA 109	3

EXEMPTIONS TO TESTING:

1. Have successfully completed a college-level mathematics and college-level english course with a grade of C or better. You must provide a transcript.
2. Have achieved the minimum ACT/SAT scores shown above within the last 2 years and provide documentation.
3. Have successfully completed necessary remedial course(s), if required with a "C" or better.
4. Have earned an Associate's degree or higher. You must provide documentation.
5. Some degree programs do not allow a waiver for the CPT.

IMPORTANT TRANSFER INFORMATION:

1. It is important that you consult an advisor and the transfer institution when choosing courses, as certain majors have particular degree prerequisites and general education course requirements that need to be taken within the Associate degree program.
2. Students who complete a 60 credit hour A.A./A.S. degree with appropriate course requirements and grades of C or better may be able to complete a Baccalaureate degree in 60 additional credits after transferring to a 4-year public institution.
3. Consult your ACC Advisor about Colorado's 60 + 60 plans.

SUGGESTIONS FOR SUCCESS

1. Take your CPT or be exempted (see above) before meeting with an academic advisor.
2. Take English, Speech and Math classes early in your program.
3. See your advisor about balancing your workload with credit load.
4. If you want to graduate in two years, take a minimum of fifteen college-level credits per fall/spring semester or twelve credits Fall/Spring and six credits Summer.
5. Transfer and financial aid students should consult an advisor before registering.

ADDITIONAL CLASS FORMATS

Many of the classes in this degree can be taken as **flex**, **online** or **hybrid** courses. Symbols in the semester schedule indicate which classes are offered in these formats.

You must apply for graduation at www.arapahoe.edu (Student Support Services) or at Information Central by: **April 1 (summer graduation), July 1 (fall graduation) and November 1 (spring graduation).**

For more information log on to www.arapahoe.edu.