Students must successfully complete ten (10) courses to earn their Paralegal Certificate. Seven (7) of those courses are required, core courses. Students may choose to take any three (3) electives.

Students must complete the following seven core courses:

- Introduction to the Legal System
- Professional Responsibility
- Legal Research Methods
- Legal Writing & Case Analysis I
- Civil Litigation
- E-Discovery
- Technology in the Law Office (recommended to be taken after or in conjunction with Civil Litigation)

Students may choose any three electives. Electives offered during various terms may include:

- Legal Writing & Case Analysis II
- Estates, Wills & Trusts
- Real Estate Law
- Criminal Law
- Torts and Personal Injury Law
- Corporate and Business Law
- Immigration Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Domestic Law
- Internship
- Advanced Legal Research
- Constitutional Law

All courses are online (but do include and require real-time participation).

Core Courses will be offered in MOST terms.

Various electives will be offered throughout the academic year pending instructor availability.
Summer full-time intensive program electives are pre-selected and programmed into the schedule.
Part Time evening students should try to take at least two (2) classes per term, and complete the program within 6 terms (1 ½ years).

We welcome you to the Duquesne University School of Law Paralegal Institute. We hope that you will have great success just as so many of our paralegal graduates have found.

THANK YOU.