

MS-CPAS Blueprint Summary

Assessment: Paralegal Technology
Test Code: 20479Y1-2010
CIP Code: 220302
Course Codes:
Type: PS

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	1	2	3		
LET 1113: Introduction to Law	1	2	3	3	10
1. Differentiate between federal and state court systems. 2. Explore areas of employment. 3. Interpret legal terminology. 4. Distinguish among various areas of law. 5. Analyze the ethical obligations and constraints of the paralegal.					
LET 1213: Legal Research	1	2	3	3	10
1. Analyze a legal research problem to identify facts and legal issues. 2. Analyze court opinions. 3. Analyze statutes. 4. Use Shepard's citators. 5. Use secondary sources. 6. Use electronic resources for legal research, including WestLaw or Lexis, the Internet, and other electronic resources. 7. Prepare legal citations correctly using a legally recognized and accepted citation manual. 8. Demonstrate legal research techniques in a written memorandum. 9. Evaluate regulations to determine application of administrative law to factual situations using the Code of Federal Regulations and the Federal Register. 10. Analyze constitutional law and then locate information in the United States Constitution and the Mississippi Constitution.					
LET 1513: Family Law	1	2		3	10
1. Research and apply laws related to antenuptial agreements. 2. Research the requirements for a valid marriage. 3. Research and apply laws related to annulment. 4. Research and apply laws related to divorce actions. 5. Research and apply laws related to alimony and child support. 6. Research and apply child custody laws. 7. Research and discuss adoption laws. 8. Distinguish between guardianships and conservatorships. 9. Apply ethical considerations in a family law practice.					
LET 1523: Wills and Estates	1	2	3	3	10
1. Research and analyze Mississippi case law and statutes regarding intestate succession. 2. Analyze and compare various types of wills, and then prepare a simple will. 3. Apply the concepts related to probating an estate. 4. Discuss the Uniform Health-Care Decisions Act. 5. Analyze the various types of trusts and their role in estate planning.					
Active Items					40
Field-Test Items					10
TOTAL ASSESSED ITEMS					50

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LET 2313: Civil Litigation I	1	2	3	3	8
1. Determine court (system) jurisdiction for various scenarios. 2. Determine the applicable rules of evidence. 3. Prepare legal documents for litigation. 4. Analyze case studies related to the legal profession to identify violations of ethical standards.					
LET 2323: Torts	1	2	3	3	8
1. Analyze case studies related to negligence, strict liability, and various intentional torts. 2. Determine appropriate defenses to various types of torts. 3. Recognize appropriate tort remedies. 4. Analyze the past and current status of tort reform in Mississippi. 5. Discuss ethical issues in tort law.					
LET 2333: Civil Litigation II	1	2	3	3	8
1. Select and apply methods of discovery and investigation. 2. Apply proper settlement procedures. 3. Classify the three types of alternative dispute resolution. 4. Assist an attorney in preparation for trial and appeal.					
LET 2453: Real Property I	1	2	3	3	8
1. Apply knowledge of types of ownership and types of interest in real property. 2. Analyze surveys, land descriptions, encumbrances, and easements. 3. Discuss real estate contracts. 4. Prepare deeds.					
LET 2463: Real Property II	1	2	3	3	8
1. Analyze the legal aspects of real estate finance. 2. Complete mortgage forms. 3. Apply knowledge of title examination. 4. Demonstrate a basic understanding of title insurance. 5. Apply procedures for a real estate closing. 6. Discuss government regulation of real estate closings.					
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