Associate of Applied Science in
LEGAL SUPPORT AND SERVICES

Make Your Comeback as a Skilled, Versatile Legal Professional

You have the drive and the talent. Now’s the time to go after what you want and earn your degree. Come back stronger and more prepared for today’s workforce with an associate’s in legal support and services. With a solid foundation in the law, research, and legal administration, you can build a career working with the courts, government agencies, health care providers, corporations, nonprofits, and more.
Why Study Law at Purdue Global?

**Built for Working Adults**
Complete courses online, without compromising your work or family schedule.

**Backed by the Power of Purdue**
Earn a degree you can be proud of — one that employers will respect. Achieve more in the legal field with a name that opens doors in your career.

**Your Experience Counts as College Credit**
It’s time to get the recognition you deserve. Transfer up to 75% of your degree requirements to graduate sooner and save on tuition.  

**Affordable Tuition**
Lower the cost of your education through military discounts, employer reimbursement options, transfer credit, and more. Our average associate's graduate saves 55% on tuition with credit for prior learning.

**Faculty Expertise**
Learn from legal practitioners with extensive experience in the field. All faculty possess advanced academic degrees and relevant industry credentials.

**Personal Support**
Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and seminars, and enjoy individual tutoring at no cost. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

**Introductory Trial Period**
Make sure online learning at Purdue Global is right for you. Enroll in the University and try our classes for 3 weeks before you owe any tuition. That’s the Purdue Global Commitment.

Take the Next Step in Your Career and Your Education

**Prepare for the Certified Paralegal Examination**
The National Association of Legal Assistants (NALA) recognizes the Associate of Applied Science in Legal Support and Services as meeting the coursework criteria for eligibility to sit for the Certified Paralegal Examination.

**Build a Pathway to a Bachelor’s or Master’s Degree**
Get a head start on a future degree. Once you earn your associate's degree, you can transfer it directly into your Purdue Global bachelor's, covering half of your degree requirements.
Curriculum

Develop a foundational knowledge of the law, including legal administrative skills and competencies that prepare you to assist during legal proceedings or investigations. Courses are reviewed and revised continually by industry experts to ensure they reflect the most recent developments in the field.

Course Topics Include:

- Law and the legal profession
- American jurisprudence
- Legal research and writing
- Civil litigation
- Torts
- Legal technology
- Family law
- Legal ethics
- Criminal law

What You Will Learn

Gain the core skills that employers demand. The program prepares you to:

- Assist clients: Analyze data to ethically assist clients throughout the legal process.
- Perform legal research: Locate and analyze relevant primary and secondary legal sources in electronic and print media.
- Perform investigative functions: Use investigative techniques to gather information from a variety of sources.
- Perform communications functions: Communicate with legal professionals, witnesses, clients, and others about legal actions.
- Implement legal procedures: Manage electronic and print information.
- Assist in litigation preparation: Draft and organize information for trial purposes.
- Prepare legal documents: Prepare correspondence such as affidavits, briefs, pleadings, appeals, wills, contracts, and real-estate closing statements for clients.

Capstone Project

Demonstrate your ability to apply the critical thinking skills and concepts you study online to real-world legal scenarios.

Program Detail

Credit Hours: 90

Completion Time: 1-2 years (With transfer credit and other prior experience, the average completion time for Purdue Global associate's degree graduates in 2021-2022 was 1.7 years.)

Course Load: 2 courses per term

Terms: 10 weeks long

Start Dates: Throughout the year

Additional Programs

- Bachelor of Science in Legal Support and Services
- Master of Science in Legal Studies
- Master of Public Administration
- Juris Doctor — Purdue Global Law School
- Executive Juris Doctor — Purdue Global Law School
Career and Networking Opportunities

Industry Outlook

- Employment of legal assistants and paralegals is expected to grow through 2032, with an average of 38,000 job openings projected each year.
- A steady demand for paralegals and legal assistants is expected, as businesses create in-house legal departments, and as law firms try to increase the efficiency of legal services and reduce their expenses.

Career Pathways and Outcome

Roles
- Legal assistant
- Paralegal
- Legal secretary

Industries
- Legal
- Business
- Government
- Health care
- Banking
- Real estate
- Service
- Many more

Center for Career Advancement

Our team of Career Services Specialists connects you with job and networking opportunities, and offers the following assistance:
- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Job search and networking support
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

Purdue Global Law Society

The Purdue Global Law Society is committed to providing a forum for students to learn more about law-related fields through networking, community involvement, political involvement, and potential mentoring opportunities.

Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

Purdue Global is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The HLC (HLCommission.org) is an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.

Contact an Admissions Advisor at 844-PURDUE-G or visit PurdueGlobal.edu.