PLS 99I Course Outline as of Fall 2021

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: PLS 99I Title: PARALEGAL INTERNSHIP

Full Title: Paralegal Occupational Work Experience Internship

Last Reviewed: 2/4/2014

Units		Course Hours per Wee	ek I	Nbr of Week	s Course Hours Total	
Maximum	8.00	Lecture Scheduled	0	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	0
Minimum	2.00	Lab Scheduled	0	6	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	34.50		Contact DHR	603.75
		Contact Total	34.50		Contact Total	603.75
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 0.00 Total Student Learning Hours: 603.75

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade Only

Repeatability: 25 - 16 Units Total (WrxEx only)

Also Listed As:

Formerly:

Catalog Description:

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ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree: Area Effective: Inactive: CSU GE: Transfer Area Effective: Inactive:

IGETC: Transfer Area Effective: Inactive:

CSU Transfer: Effective: Inactive:

UC Transfer: Effective: Inactive:

CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Major Applicable Course

COURSE CONTENT

Student Learning Outcomes:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

- 1. Demonstrate application of discipline-specific skills and knowledge at the job site.
- 2. Write a resume targeted to a discipline-specific career that includes the new skills acquired in the internship.
- 3. Demonstrate improvement of discipline-specific job skills at the job site.

Objectives:

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

- 1. Develop, achieve, and assess discipline-specific work-based learning objectives.
- 2. Use self-reflective and critical analysis to evaluate a job site experience.
- 3. Research and analyze resume writing formats; assess discipline specific skills of a targeted career; write a discipline-specific resume.
- 4. Assess discipline-specific classroom learning and apply applicable skills to meet requirements at job site.
- 5. Create a portfolio and classroom presentation.

- 6. Keep accurate records of employment and attendance at group meetings.
- 7. Repeating students must demonstrate increased depth and breadth of work skills proficiency at their worksite with new learning objectives.

Topics and Scope:

- 1. Work-based learning objectives
 - a. Self-assessment
 - b. Format
 - c. Measurement
 - d. Evaluation
- 2. Professional meeting for paralegals and/or attorneys
 - a. Attend meeting
 - b. Notes on speaker presentation
 - c. Observation of interaction among professionals
 - d. Networking
- 3. Job site skills
 - a. Classroom preparation
 - b. Job site requirements
- 4. Portfolio and group support meetings
 - a. Samples of legal documents
 - b. Timesheets
 - c. Solutions to ethical dilemmas
 - d. Resume
 - e. Employer evaluation
 - f. Group support attendance
- 5. Accurate record keeping, timely reporting of hours worked, and attendance at group meetings
- 6. Repeating students
 - a. Develop new more complex discipline specific learning objectives
 - b. Measure/evaluate work site performance

Assignment:

- 1. Write, accomplish, and evaluate 4 measureable work-based learning objectives.
- 2. Complete a portfolio.
- 3. Write a 2-page summary and analysis of a professional meeting for paralegals and/or attorneys.
- 4. Attend facilitated group support meetings.
- 5. Keep accurate records of hours worked per week.
- 6. Arrange and prepare for a meeting with instructor and job supervisor at least one time.
- 7. Repeating students will create new objectives that are more complex and at a higher level of competency.

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Portfolio		Writing 10 - 25%
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Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

None

Problem solving 0 - 0%

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Completion of work-based learning objectives

Skill Demonstrations 50 - 65%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

None

Exams 0 - 0%

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Participation and hours worked

Other Category 15 - 30%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Intern Handbook, DVD, and other career related materials prepared by instructor.