



Competitive Professional Development (CPD) for Funding for Online Paraprofessional Courses through The Center for Legal Studies

Date Opened: 7 December 2020

Date Closed: 14 January 2021

All applicants must create a GoArmyEd student account prior to applying. Applications are not to be created and submitted through GoArmyEd, only the creation of a student account is required at this time. Applications will be submitted via e-mail as indicated below. In creating a student account, you only need to complete the fields marked with an asterisk and supervisor concurrence is not required. Creation of the student account should require less than 10 minutes. [\[Click for additional information on GoArmyEd\]](#)

Location: Online through The Center for Legal Studies (CLS) [\[Click for more information on CLS\]](#)



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LEGAL STUDIES

Paralegal Certificate Course (8 March – 18 June 2021)

This 14-week course provides students with a working knowledge of legal authority as well as comprehensive instruction of the American judicial system. Skills obtained include: assisting trial attorneys, interviewing witnesses, investigating complex fact patterns, researching the law and assisting in case preparation for litigation. [\[Click for more information\]](#)

Advanced Legal Research & Writing Certificate (8 March – 23 April 2021)

This course is designed to examine advanced and specialized approaches to utilizing the legal sources available in the law library and online. Lesson topics include: legal authorities and citations, legal analysis, online legal research, manual legal research, and types of legal writing. [\[Click for more information\]](#)

Personal Injury for Paralegals (8 March – 23 April 2021)

Instructors will review the negligence theory of torts upon which many personal injury claims are based. Students will discover the basic categories of damages recovery, statutes of limitations, and schemes for liability. [\[Click for more information\]](#)

Victim Advocacy Certificate Course (8 March – 23 April 2021)

Participants will be prepared to assist crime victims in progressing through the criminal justice system and toward successful recovery. Course topics include legal terminology, legal process, legislation regarding victims' rights, ethics, effects of victimization on the victim, victim advocate skills, guardianships and crisis intervention. [\[Click for more information\]](#)

Additional Information: CP-56 will fund tuition and required books. Please consult the CLS website for course-related questions and to review the course syllabus. Once enrolled, all courses must be completed with a "C" or higher average or the employee will be required to repay all training costs as outlined in AR 350-1. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure timely course completion. Prior to application, interested attendees should discuss with their local supervisory chain whether any duty time will be allocated for course completion, and if so, how much, and this should be included in your application.

Who May Apply: U.S. Army civilian paraprofessionals in the CP-56 Legal Career Program (to include Local Nationals).

How to Apply: Fully complete the Career Program CP-56, Competitive Professional Development (CPD) Application, including the Statement of Interest, Utilization Plan, and Head of Legal Office (HOLO) Endorsement (HOLO endorsement is required, if the Utilization Plan is not signed by HOLO). E-mail the completed application **and** a copy of your Civilian Career Report to Ms. Sarilyn Leary, Asst. Chief, CP-56, sarilyn.h.leary.civ@mail.mil.

E-mail completed application packets and address questions to:

Ms. Sarilyn Leary
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