

Applicants to the George Washington University master's degree program in paralegal studies may request advanced standing that satisfies the 12-credit core course sequence through:

**OPTION A:**

- Successful completion of GW's Legal Assistant Program, previously offered through the GW Center for Career Education (CCE) or Center for Professional Development (CPD), with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or equivalent **and**
- A minimum of two years of substantive legal experience

-or-

**OPTION B:**

- Successful completion of an academic credit bearing graduate (post-baccalaureate level) certificate in paralegal studies from an accredited institution of higher learning with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or equivalent **and**
- Successful completion of the National Federation of Paralegal Associations Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam (PACE), the National Association of Legal Assistant Certified Legal Assistant (CLA) exam, or the NALS PP or PLS exam

-or-

**OPTION C:**

- Successful completion of an institutionally accredited ABA-approved post-baccalaureate level paralegal education program\*, with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or equivalent **and**
- Successful completion of the National Federation of Paralegal Associations Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam (PACE), the National Association of Legal Assistant Certified Legal Assistant (CLA) exam, or the NALS PP or PLS exam

**Advanced Standing Request:**

I request advanced standing for the 12-credit core course requirement of the M.P.S. Paralegal Studies based on:

\_\_\_\_\_ **OPTION A** \_\_\_\_\_ **OPTION B** \_\_\_\_\_ **OPTION C**

I am including:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Transcript from GW's Legal Assistant Program
- \_\_\_\_\_ Current resume describing the dates, locations, and circumstances of the qualifying legal experience
- \_\_\_\_\_ Transcript from an academic credit bearing graduate certificate in paralegal studies from an accredited institution of higher learning or an ABA-approved paralegal education program
- \_\_\_\_\_ Certification of successful completion of the National Federation of Paralegal Associations Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam (PACE), the National Association of Legal Assistant Certified Legal Assistant (CLA) exam, or the NALS PP or PLS exam

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fax all Advanced Standing request materials to the College of Professional Studies Admissions, 703-299-4144.

Questions? 703.299.9142

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\* Please note that a bachelor's degree in paralegal studies does not satisfy GW's requirements for advanced standing. To satisfy GW's requirements for advanced standing, paralegal certificates must come from programs that require bachelor's degrees for admission. All courses transferred to GW require grades of B or higher.