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# Online Paralegal Schools—the Future

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### An Overview

The paralegal profession is booming as many people are trying to venture into this profession. Even new courses are brought up for college students to make them aware of the paralegal profession.



The courses are now open to people who have finished their graduation and seek a career in the paralegal field. Some of them are working in some other field but are willing to make the change to be a part of the legal industry.

To be a paralegal, one needs a lot of money to pay for its fees, and one cannot earn much if one has to go to a paralegal school. It is necessary for one to be able to work to earn enough to cover the fees at least. Total dedication is required for pursuing a paralegal career, so working and studying simultaneously will be nearly impossible. The best solution to this problem is to apply to online paralegal schools. The reason for the existence of online paralegal schools is to help the people who want to make a career change to earn a paralegal status through online education.

The curriculum at online paralegal schools is similar to traditional schools'. Lectures are given through the online media player and boards and forums promote interactivity between students and teachers. The most important factor is cost, though. Online paralegal schools are more costly than traditional paralegal schools, but an online paralegal education is convenient enough for the working individual.

### Here are some online paralegal schools:

1. Virginia Center for Paralegal Studies (VCPS)
2. Denver Paralegal Institute
3. The Paralegal Institute, Phoenix, Arizona
4. Paralegal College (American Bar Association)

The **Center for Legal Studies (CLS)** has been an ardent promoter of online paralegal schools and has produced students that come from over 600 schools across the United States. The center offers several online paralegal courses, including certificates, diplomas, and preparatory courses. Some of the courses are as follows:

- The *Paralegal Certificate Course* is the foundation of the syllabus.
- The *Advanced Paralegal Certificate Course* focuses on the core requirements and is an extension of the Paralegal Certificate Course.
- The *Legal Secretary Certificate* is suited for veteran secretaries and explains the terminologies, processes, ethics, and jurisdiction of legal secretaries. The course also involves filing procedures, records organization, memoranda preparation, and legal research.
- The *Legal Investigation Certificate Course* is applicable for teaching legal investigation subjects. Students of the course will be qualified to become back-up lawyers and paralegals in insurance companies, private firms, and government agencies. Students will get to learn freelance investigation in several areas like personal injury and traffic forensics.
- The *Alternative Dispute Resolution Certificate Course* is designed to help students develop their skills in the argument mediation method. The course primarily concentrates on the traditional and non-traditional dispute settlement options.
- The *Law School Preparation Course* is now an online paralegal education in vogue since 1980. The course is a preparatory course for those who want to venture into the legal field in the near future.



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In short, the online paralegal schools offer standard education for those who can afford the fees but cannot afford much time to attend regular classes and courses. Online paralegal

education makes things easier for paralegals and even other professionals who would want to be a paralegal some day.

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