

BAKER COLLEGE
Waiver Form - Office Copy
Paralegal
Associate of Business Degree

Acknowledgment Form - Open Enrollment Programs

Essential Functions and Technical Requirements

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These Essential Functions are not conditions of admission to the College or the program. The Essential Functions provide information regarding continued eligibility in this program. A student may be qualified for and admitted to the program, but later be redirected due to a failure to develop and exhibit the Essential Functions. Persons interested in applying for admission to the program should review this information to develop a better understanding of the physical abilities and behavioral characteristics necessary to successfully complete the program.

By initialing each line below, I acknowledge and understand I am expected to possess the following Essential Functions:

- ___ Cognitive abilities necessary to master relevant content in courses at a level deemed appropriate by the College. These skills may be described as the ability to comprehend, memorize, analyze, and synthesize material in a timely manner. The student must maintain the minimum grade point average (GPA) determined by each program in order to continue with coursework to complete a chosen degree. Students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 to graduate from any program; however, please note that some programs require a higher GPA in order to continue with coursework.
- ___ Ability to assess all information. The student must be capable of responsive and empathetic listening to establish rapport in a way that promotes openness on issues of concern and sensitivity to potential cultural differences.
- ___ Emotional stability to function effectively under stress and to adapt to an environment, which may change rapidly without warning, and/or in unpredictable ways.
- ___ Ability to master information presented in coursework in the form of lectures, written material, and projected images, and the ability to seek and synthesize information from appropriate and varied sources.
- ___ Ability to recognize one's own limits, both personally and professionally, as related to one's skill and knowledge.
- ___ Ability to effectively communicate in English, both verbally and in writing, using accurate and appropriate terminology with classmates, faculty, and individuals of all ages, races, genders, and socioeconomic, and cultural backgrounds.
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- ___ Ability to demonstrate appropriate professional and procedural judgment decisions.
- ___ Ability to adhere to professional standards and Baker College professional conduct guidelines, policies, and procedures, including but not limited to, if at any time during a student's enrollment at Baker College, a student is charged with a felony, he/she MUST disclose this charge to a Baker College official. Failure to do so will result in immediate expulsion from the College.
- ___ I have reviewed and acknowledge that I am expected to possess the program-specific Essential Functions located on the Program Information document.

The faculty content expert, program official, clinical coordinator, or employment supervisor is qualified and competent to assess the student's ability to perform the Essential Functions.

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Program Information
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Campuses: *Allen Park, Auburn Hills, Jackson, Muskegon.*

Program Description

This program is designed to offer education in paralegal studies. Core courses prepare students to assist attorneys by drafting legal documents, interacting with clients, and assisting in court. Students will conduct research and prepare memoranda to aid attorneys in resolving legal issues. Students will learn to assist attorneys with discovery, which includes responding to interrogatories, producing documents, and interviewing witnesses. Students may use their paralegal education in private law firms, corporations, nonprofit organizations, court systems, real estate title companies, banks, insurance companies, healthcare companies, local, state, and federal government agencies.

A paralegal is qualified by education, training, or work experience who is employed or retained by a lawyer, law office, corporation, governmental agency, or other entity and who performs specifically delegated substantive legal work for which a lawyer is responsible.

Paralegals may not provide legal services directly to the public except as permitted by law.

This program has been approved by the American Bar Association at the Auburn Hills, Clinton Township, and Jackson campuses.

Program Requirements

Conditions of Admission:

- _____ I acknowledge that there may be barriers to employment or internships within the legal field due to felon or misdemeanor convictions or any external forces beyond the control of Baker College. Potential barriers have been discussed, and it is still my desire and intention to complete the Paralegal Program at Baker College.

- _____ I acknowledge that it has been disclosed that upon entering the Paralegal Program, if I was, am or become on "active criminal probation, I should discuss this situation with the Program Coordinator or my Admission's Advisor in order to discover if there are any restrictions existing that would prevent me from successfully meeting all of the Program Outcomes.

- _____ I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above provisions and hereby waive Baker College of any responsibilities if I am unable to secure employment after graduating from the Paralegal Program at Baker College.

Core PAR Course Grade Requirements:

- _____ I acknowledge that I must complete the following core courses with a C (73%) or better: PAR111, 112, 113A and 291.

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