

## Institutional Student Learning Outcomes

## Paralegal Studies Program

Hagerstown Community College students will be prepared to:

Learning Outcomes	Demonstrated By	Related Activity Examples
<p>1. Demonstrate personal and social responsibility by practicing responsible citizenship, being open to new ideas, and understanding the value of moral sensitivity and cultural diversity.</p>	<p>Collaboration/teamwork Ethical reasoning and action Service activities</p>	<p>Use of the “flipped” classroom in PLS 101 requires students to be responsible learners Excellent class attendance Meeting deadlines for work Small group work in most paralegal classes Discussion of the Paralegal Code of Ethics as well as ethical considerations in general in the legal field Service projects to benefit CASA, Humane Society, Holly Place, etc. Participation in multiple Pro Bono days, sponsored by Washington County</p>
<p>2. Practice intellectual skills such as critical and independent thinking, effective communication, and knowledge acquisition and application.</p>	<p>Academic success Use of legal databases Presentation in PLS 101 Production of portfolio Successful completion of capstone project, the mock interview Use of Moodle resources</p>	<p>Challenging course work including drafting legal documents, pleadings and correspondence Researching the law and preparing case briefs or legal memoranda Portfolios in PLS 101 as well as PLS 103 The mock interview includes a letter of application, resume, portfolio review and interview by someone in the legal community; this provides key external validation. Moodle is used in many classes for note taking guides, student guides and additional course information</p>
<p>3. Demonstrate self-direction, persistence and lifelong learning</p>	<p>Develop and achieve college goals Application of knowledge, skills, and responsibilities to future situations</p>	<p>Participation in on-line classes (one fully on line and one in the hybrid format) Students are encouraged to consider the career ladder—certificate, degree and possibly transfer to a senior institution Find employment in the legal field Completion of a successful internship (optional)</p>

