



Wayne County Community College District

COURSE SYLLABUS

PLT 135 Professional Responsibility/Legal Ethics

CREDIT HOURS: 3.00

CONTACT HOURS: 45.00

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course examines the various issues of professional responsibility and legal ethics that a paralegal encounters. The course will assist the student in developing an awareness and understanding of the professional codes of ethics that govern the legal profession and impact those codes have on the daily responsibilities of the paralegal. Topics covered include client interviews and form preparation, as well as substantive and procedural aspects of the process from the paralegal's perspective.

PREREQUISITES: *Program Admission*

EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. To comprehend the legal terminology, key concepts, and functions relating to ethics as it applies to attorneys and/or paralegals.
2. To develop skills to enable the student to provide competent and ethical assistance to attorneys during the litigation process.
3. To develop the ability to match the appropriate professional resources with specific civil practice areas

ASSESSMENT METHODS:

Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

GRADING SCALE:

90%-100% = A
80%-89.9% = B
70%-79.9% = C
60%-69.9% = D
<60% = E