

National Paralegal Credentials

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Credential	Certified Paralegal (CP)	Paralegal CORE Competency Exam (CRP)	Professional Paralegal (PP)
Administering Agency	NALA - The Paralegal Association Exam Established 1976 <i>Recipients</i> 6,872 current / 20,729 total	National Federation of Paralegal Associations Exam Established 2011 <i>Recipients</i> 801 current	National Association of Legal Support Professionals Exam Established 2004 <i>Recipients</i> 248 current
<u>Eligibility</u>			
Paralegal Program Completion	✓ Bachelor's or Associate's	✓ Bachelor's or Associate's	✓ Bachelor's or Associate's
Paralegal Certificate	✓ at least 60 hours, 15 in legal	✓ 1 year exp. AND 6 CLE	✓ at least 60 hours, 15 in legal
Bachelor's (any subject) - with Work Experience or Paralegal Credit Hours	✓ 1 year exp. or 15 hours legal	✓ 6 mos. exp. OR paralegal certificate	✓ 1 year exp.
Associate's (any subject) -with Work Experience or Paralegal Credit Hours		✓ 1 year exp. or paralegal certificate	
Diploma with Years of Experience and CLEs	✓ 7 years exp. AND 20 CLE	✓ 5 years exp. and 12 CLE	✓ 5 years exp.
Content Covered	States Legal System Civil Litigation Contracts Corporate/ Commercial Law Criminal Law & Procedure Estate Planning & Probate Real Estate & Property Torts Professional and Ethical Responsibility Writing Critical Thinking	<u>Prep Course Covers:</u> Ethics Communication & Exchange/Gather Information Analysis & Organization of Information Federal Court & Agency Rules Paralegal's Role in Legal Proceedings Administrative & Office Skills Legal Research Letter & Memo Formats	Advanced Communications Advanced Legal Procedures, Accounting, & Technology Advanced Legal Ethics Advanced Substantive Law
Exam Format	120 Multiple Choice Questions Written Case Analysis	125 Multiple Choice Questions	Multiple Choice Questions - Four Sections as listed above
<u>Re-Credentialing</u>			
Frequency	5 Years	2 years	5 years
Totals CLEs	50 CLEs	8 CLEs	75 CLEs
Legal Ethics	5 CLEs		5 CLEs
Substantive	35 CLE (min)	8 CLEs	50 CLEs
Non-substantive	no more than 10 CLEs		no more than 20 CLEs
Advanced Certification	ACP in 12 practice Areas	PACE(RP) - test after meet experience requirements	N/A

Information gathered from publicly available information provided on each administrating agency's website.

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