

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION CERTIFICATE: LEGAL OFFICE SKILLS

Purpose

The Office Administration Certificate: Legal Office Skills is designed for students who wish to upgrade their office skills for certification, are beginning a career in the legal office workplace, or wanting to satisfy the Paralegal Program entrance requirements.

The program focuses on the administrative support skills needed to succeed in legal office environments.

Duration

Students must complete the Office Administration Certificate: Legal Office Skills within three years.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, graduates will be able to:

1. Apply current principles of business English, including accurate grammar, spelling, punctuation, and word choice
2. Compose clear, concise business documents including letters, emails, and reports
3. Apply principles of supervisory management to the work environment
4. Apply principles of decision making to the work environment
5. Demonstrate appropriate technological skills including keyboarding
6. Perform appropriate legal office procedures
7. Perform basic office accounting, payroll, or bookkeeping functions
8. Confidently present information to a group
9. Demonstrate appropriate organizational skills
10. Demonstrate appropriate interpersonal skills

Admission Requirements

Vancouver Community College is a post-secondary institution committed to educating adult learners. Applicants should be 18 years of age or older and a graduate of a secondary school or equivalent.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
OACP 1102	Keyboarding For Beginners	1.5
OACP 1103	Writing Business Letters	0.5
OACP 1104	Grammar Review Bus Writing	0.5
OACP 1106	Building Powerful Vocabulary	0.5
OACP 1107	Memos, Emails, and Reports	0.5
OACP 1113	Intro to Legal Office Program	0.5
OACP 1114	Civil Litigation	0.5

OACP 1115	Corporate	0.5
OACP 1116	Family Law	0.5
OACP 1117	Conveyancing	0.5
OACP 1120	Legal Office Package Test	0
OACP 1123	Business English Skills Test	0
OACP 1127	Supervis/Mgmt DecisionMaking	2
OACP 1138	Legal Terminology	0.5
OACP 1139	Legal Office Procedures	1
OACP 1140	Legal Ethics&Confidentiality	1
Select one of the following:		1.5-2.0
OACP 1105	Introduction To Payroll	
OACP 1129	Accounting For NonAccountant	
OACP 1130	Introduction To Bookkeeping	

Electives

Select five of the following: 4-7.5

OACP 1101	Keyboarding For Speed Building	
OACP 1122	Effective Notes and Minutes	
OACP 1141	BC Online Searches	
OACP 1142	Advanced Conveyancing	
OACP 1145	Effective Oral Communication	
OACP 1211	Wills and Estates	
CMPT 1301	Word Excel PowerPoint	
CMPT 1302	Intro to Computers & File Mgt	
CMPT 1303	Internet Applications	

Or select courses from other program areas:

OACP Legal Office Skills	
OACP Medical Office Skills	
OACP Records Management Skills	
Leadership	
Management Skills for Supervisors	

Total Credits 16-20

Evaluation of Student Learning

Evaluation of the courses is determined by the instructor and may include the following:

- Quizzes
- Tests
- Assignments
- Projects
- Presentations
- Participation
- Group work

Minimum passing grade for each course is a C minus (C-).

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)

Prior learning assessment and recognition is not available for this program.

Transcript of Achievement

The evaluation of learning outcomes for each student is prepared by the instructor and reported to the Student Records Department at the completion of semesters.

The transcript typically shows a letter grade for each course. The grade point equivalent for a course is obtained from letter grades as follows:

Grading Standard

Grade	Percentage	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
A+	96-100		4.33
A	91-95		4.00
A-	86-90		3.67
B+	81-85		3.33
B	76-80		3.00
B-	71-75		2.67
C+	66-70		2.33
C	61-65		2.00
C-	56-60		1.67
D	50-55		1.00
F	0-49	Failing Grade	0.00
S	70 or greater	Satisfactory – student has met and mastered a clearly defined body of skills and performances to required standards	N/A
U		Unsatisfactory – student has not met and mastered a clearly defined body of skills and performances to required standards	N/A
I		Incomplete	N/A
IP		Course in Progress	N/A
W		Withdrawal	N/A
Course Standings			
R		Audit. No Credit	N/A
EX		Exempt. Credit Granted	N/A
TC		Transfer Credit	N/A

- Grades shall be assigned to repeated courses in the same manner as courses taken only once. For the purpose of GPA calculation of grades for repeated courses, they will be included in the calculation of the cumulative GPA.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

- The course grade points shall be calculated as the product of the course credit value and the grade value.
- The GPA shall be calculated by dividing the total number of achieved course grade points by the total number of assigned course credit values. This cumulative GPA shall be determined and stated on the Transcript at the end of each Program level or semester.