

# PARALEGAL STUDIES BACHELOR'S DEGREE COMPLETION PLAN

## ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PEIRCE COLLEGE AND BROOKDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### I. Preface

Brookdale Community College (Brookdale) and Peirce College (Peirce) enter into this Paralegal Studies Bachelor's Degree Completion Plan Acceptance Agreement to facilitate the transfer of Brookdale graduates to Peirce College.

Under the Paralegal Studies Bachelor's Degree Completion Plan Acceptance Agreement, Brookdale graduates will be guaranteed admissions into the Bachelor of Science Degree in Paralegal Studies program with third year (junior) status at Peirce College on the condition that they: graduate from Brookdale with an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) Paralegal Studies Degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5; and satisfy all other Peirce transfer requirements. A full-time student admitted with third year (junior) status to Peirce should be able to complete a bachelor's degree at Peirce within four regular semesters provided that the student completes the appropriate Associate Degree program at Brookdale and completes and appropriately sequences their remaining coursework at Peirce.

Students in ABA approved Paralegal Studies programs who meet the requirements set forth below will be eligible for automatic acceptance to Peirce College following their graduation from Brookdale. This Acceptance Agreement specifies the requirements and conditions for students at Brookdale to be automatically accepted into Peirce.

This Paralegal Studies Bachelor's Degree Completion Plan Acceptance Agreement between Brookdale and Peirce College becomes effective September 1, 2010.

To facilitate the transfer of Brookdale graduates to Peirce College accordance with the foregoing guarantee, the parties agree to the following:

### II. Requirements for Automatic Acceptance

- A. Students must have a grade point average of 2.5 or above during their final year at Brookdale and maintain this average through graduation.
- B. Students must have an associate degree from an ABA approved Paralegal Studies program.

- C. Students must submit a completed application for admission. The Peirce application fee will be waived.
- D. Students must submit an official transcript. Unofficial transcripts issued to the student are not acceptable.
- E. All courses for which a grade of C or higher was earned will be reviewed for transfer consideration.

### **III. Scholarships**

Peirce will offer each Brookdale graduate applying for admission to Peirce a Paralegal Studies Bachelor's Degree Completion Plan Scholarship for each year enrolled up to a maximum of four years. This scholarship will be renewed each year during which a Brookdale graduate is enrolled at Peirce, completes Peirce courses, and maintains a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, while at Peirce.

Actual awards are based on the following guidelines:

- The scholarship award is determined by full-time or part-time status.
- The scholarship will be applied as a credit to each student's tuition.
- The award amount is based upon the student's final Brookdale GPA.
- Students who enroll full-time at Peirce College (12 or more credits a semester), and whose final Brookdale GPA is 2.5– 3.19, will receive a minimum of \$1,500 scholarship.
- Students who enroll full-time, and whose final Brookdale GPA is 3.2-3.49, will receive a minimum of \$2,000 scholarship.
- Students who enroll full-time, and whose final Brookdale GPA is 3.5-4.0, will receive a minimum of \$3,000 scholarship.
- Students who enroll part-time at Peirce College (6 to 11 credits per semester), will receive one-half of the full-time awards, using the same GPA levels.
- All Paralegal Studies Bachelor's Degree Completion Plan Scholarships may be renewed each year, up to a maximum of four years, contingent upon the **students maintaining a 3.0 GPA** at Peirce College.
- Students may also be eligible for need-based financial aid and other types of financial aid.

Brookdale graduates will receive full consideration for Peirce financial aid, in addition to the scholarships listed above, upon matriculation at Peirce.

**Brookdale Community College – Peirce College**  
**A.A.S. in Paralegal Studies – B.S. Paralegal Studies**

<b>Brookdale Course</b>	<b>Cr.</b>	<b>Peirce Equivalent</b>	<b>Cr.</b>
PLGL105 Introduction to Law and Litigation	3	PLG100 Introduction to the Paralegal Profession	3
PLGL106 Legal Research and Writing	4	PLG102 Legal Research	4
PLGL145 Professional Standards and Ethics for Legal Assistants	3	PLG215 Professional Legal Responsibility	3
PLGL205 Litigation Assistance Procedures	3	PLG117 Civil Litigation	3
PLGL210 Computer Applications in Law	3	PLG219 Legal Technology	3
<b>Choose 12 credits from the following:</b>			
PLGL125 Real Property Transactions	3	PLG205 Real Estate Law	3
PLGL135 Family Law	3	PLG204 Family Law	3
PLGL215 Criminal Procedure	3	PLG207 Criminal Law	3
PLGL225 Wills Estate and Probate	3	PLG208 Estate Law	3
PLGL226 Corporate Law Procedure	3	PLG209 Business Organizations	3
PLGL227 Introduction to Bankruptcy	1	Credit as part of A.A.S. (1/3 PLG ELE)	1
PLGL228 Introduction to Workers Compensation	1	Credit as part of A.A.S. (1/3 PLG ELE)	1
PLGL245 Introduction to Social Security Disability	1	Credit as part of A.A.S. (1/3 PLG ELE)	1
PLGL237 Elder Law	3	Paralegal Elective	3
PLGL299 Paralegal Internship	3	CWE098 Pre Co-Op Workshop & CWE116 Cooperative Work Education	3
<b>Choose 9 credits from the following:</b>			
BUSL221 Business Law I	3	Credit as part of A.A.S.	3
BUSL222 Business Law II	3	Credit as part of A.A.S.	3
PLGL126 Constitutional Law	3	PLG ELE	3
PLGL206 Torts	3	PLG206 Tort Law	3
PLGL207 Moot Court	4	PLG ELE	3
PLGL235 Entertainment Law I	3	PLG ELE	3
PLG295 Special Project Paralegal Studies	1-4	Credit as part of A.A.S.	1-4
<b>General Education Requirements</b>			
Communications (choose ENGL121 & ENGL or SPCH)	6	ENG101 & English/Communications Core	6
Social Science (ANTH, ECON, POLI, PSYC or SOCI)	3	Social Science Core	3
Science (BIOL, CHEM, ENVR or PHYS) or Technology Course (COMP)	3	Science Core or Technology Course	3
Ethical Dimension (COMP129, ENGL122, PHIL105, PHIL115, PHIL227 or SPCH115)	3	General Education Course	3
Additional General Education Courses	5	Credit as part of A.A.S.	5
<b>Electives</b>			
Elective Courses	8	Credit as part of A.A.S.	8
	<b>60</b>		<b>60</b>