



**PARALEGAL STUDIES
BACHELOR'S DEGREE COMPLETION PLAN**

**ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
PEIRCE COLLEGE
AND
WILLIAM RAINEY HARPER COLLEGE**

I. Preface

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

Under the Paralegal Studies Bachelor's Degree Completion Plan Acceptance Agreement, Harper College Paralegal Studies 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 Harper College with an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) in 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 Harper College 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 Harper College. This Acceptance Agreement specifies the requirements and conditions for students at Harper College to be automatically accepted into Peirce.

As long as students have successfully completed (earning a grade of C or better) at least 10 semester credits of ABA approved legal specialty courses in the traditional on campus format through the Harper College Paralegal Studies program, students will be eligible to pursue the remaining courses for the Peirce College Bachelor of Science Degree in Paralegal Studies through the online format. All of the courses required for this Paralegal Studies Bachelor's Degree Completion Plan will be available in the online format.

In addition, Peirce College agrees to accept the general education embedded in the Harper College Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Paralegal Studies Degree as meeting all the requirements of its undergraduate (first two years) general education requirements.

This Paralegal Studies Bachelor's Degree Completion Plan Acceptance Agreement between Harper College and Peirce College becomes effective on the date of its signing.

To facilitate the transfer of Harper College graduates to Peirce College in 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 Harper College 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 transferred to Peirce.

III. Scholarships

Peirce will offer each Harper College 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 Harper College 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 Harper College GPA.
- Students who enroll full-time at Peirce College (12 or more credits a semester), and whose final Harper College GPA is 2.5– 3.19, will receive a minimum of \$1,500 scholarship.
- Students who enroll full-time, and whose final Harper College GPA is 3.2-3.49, will receive a minimum of \$2,000 scholarship.
- Students who enroll full-time, and whose final Harper College 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.

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

Obligations of Harper College:

Publicize this Agreement to prospective and current Harper College students and make arrangements for Peirce recruiters and advisors to gain access and proactively solicit prospective and current PLG students, in keeping with current Harper policies regarding on-campus visits by colleges/universities.

Joint Obligations:

1. Consult with each other through appropriate channels prior to implementing major changes in policy or curricula that directly affect students transferring under the terms of this Agreement, and keep each other informed of any other changes of policy or curricula that affect those students. Both Peirce College and Harper College will review this Agreement annually and make any changes upon mutual agreement, as needed. Such changes will become effective when both Harper College and Peirce sign the revised document.
2. Collaborate in providing students with information and academic advising about this agreement, Peirce academic requirements, and the process of transferring to Peirce. Harper College and Peirce jointly agree to develop and implement advertising and promotional efforts to communicate the benefits of the Paralegal Studies Bachelor's Degree Completion Plan Acceptance Agreement.
3. Each institution will designate a representative or representatives who will coordinate the Paralegal Studies Bachelor's Degree Completion Plan Acceptance Agreement between the two institutions.
4. Facilitate and support consultation and collaboration between their faculties related to this agreement, general education, degree requirements, and other academic matters.
5. To provide direct links between Peirce College and Harper College websites.

Revision, Renewal and Termination of this Agreement

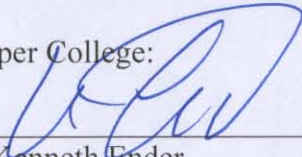
The Peirce Admissions Office and the appropriate offices at Harper College are responsible for identifying, and communicating to each other, changes in the policies or requirements of their respective institutions that affect this Agreement.

This Paralegal Studies Bachelor's Degree Completion Plan Acceptance Agreement becomes effective on the date of its signing. It will be reviewed annually by the appropriate parties at each institution, and will be renewed automatically until superseded by a new Agreement or formally terminated. Either institution may terminate this Agreement at any time by written notice at least one year in advance of the effective date of termination. Should this Agreement be terminated, it is understood that the termination will not apply to students already accepted to Peirce College under the terms of this Agreement.

The willingness of both institutions to enter this Agreement in order to facilitate the transfer of students from Harper College into Peirce College, and to expand their opportunities for academic success there, is indicated by the following signatures.

The undersigned representatives of the parties, Harper College and Peirce College, have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated:

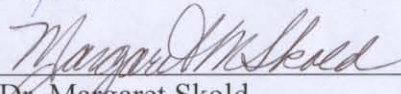
Harper College:



Dr. Kenneth Ender
President

1/20/10

Date




Dr. Margaret Skold
Vice President, Academic Affairs

1/24/10

Date

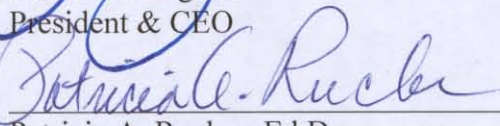
Peirce College:



James J. Mergiotti
President & CEO

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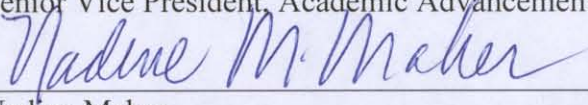
Date



Patricia A. Rucker, Ed.D.
Senior Vice President, Academic Advancement & Provost

12/29/09

Date



Nadine Maher
Dean, Enrollment Management

12/29/09

Date

**William Rainey Harper College
Paralegal Studies Course Roadmap**

Partner Program A.A.S. Program- William Rainey Harper College/Paul Guymon

Partner Course	Partner Course Title	Cr.	Peirce Equivalent	B.S. Cr.
ENG 101	Composition	3	ENG 101	3
HUM Elec.	HUM Elec.	3	HUM/HIS Core	3
PLS 101	Intro to PLG	3	PLG 100	3
PSY 101	Intro to PSY	3	SOC SCI Core	3
SOC 101	Intro to SOC	3	SOC SCI Core	3
ENG 103	Tech & Report Writing	3	ENG/COM Core	3
PLS 102	Fund of Legal Research	3	PLG 102	3
PLS 103	Litigation	3	PLG 117	3
PLS 105	Family Law	3	PLG 204	3
PLS 123	Real Prop. Law	3	PLG 205	3
MATH Elec.	Math Elec.	3	MAT Core	3
PLS 201	Tort & Ins. Law	3	PLG 206	3
PLS 205	Contract Law	3	PLG 417	3
PLS 210	Corp & Securities Law	3	PLG 209	3
PSC 101	American Politics & Gov.	3	PSC 101	3
CAS 160	Intro to BUS Software Packages	3	BIS 111	3
PLS Elec. (3)	PLG Electives (3)	9	PLG Electives (3)	9
PLS 208	Internship in PLG Studies	3	CWE 116/PLG 220	3
PLS 223	Computer Assisted Legal Research	3	PLG Elec.	3
		Total	Total	63

Peirce College Bachelor of Science in Paralegal Studies (Remaining Courses)

Partner Equivalent	Peirce Requirement	Title	Cr.
A.A.S. Paralegal, 60 Credits	n/a	n/a	60
n/a	PRC 101	Peirce College Orientation	1
	PLG 207	Criminal Law	3
PLS 202 Estate Planning	PLG 208	Estate Law	3
	PLG 213	Legal Writing II	3
	PLG 215	Professional Legal Responsibility	3
	PLG 219	Legal Technology	3
	PLG 315	Adv. Legal Research	3
	PLG Electives (3)	PLG Electives (3)	9
	PLG 430 & 440/CWE 416	BS Capstone/CO-OP	6
	TECH CORE	BIS 101/109	3
	ENG/COM Core	Any English or Communications course not previously taken	3
	SOC SCI Core	Any Social Science course not previously taken (SOC, PSY, ECO) choose 2	6
]	HUM/HIS	Any Humanities or History course not previously taken choose 2	6
	MAT CORE	Any Mathematics course not previously taken (Select from the PLG Approved Mathematics course options)	3
	SCI CORE	Any Science course not previously taken	3
	GEN ED CORE	Any General Education course not previously taken	3
			Total
			121