

Associate in Science Degree

Paralegal Studies Program

HEGIS: 5099

Boricua College
A TRADITION OF LEARNING



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Overview of the College

BORICUA COLLEGE has for many years been the only private, accredited Hispanic four-year co-educational institution, on the U.S. mainland. It also has the distinction of being the first private minority institution ever to be granted an absolute charter in New York State.

Boricua was founded in 1974 and is located in New York City, with one campus in Brooklyn's Williamsburg-Greenpoint neighborhood, a Manhattan Campus in the historic Audubon Terrace on the Upper West Side, and a Bronx Campus in the Melrose Commons neighborhood.

The College enrolls only full-time students of diverse cultural background, ages and economic circumstance, in academic programs leading to an Associate in Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts and graduate programs leading to Master of Science and Master of Arts degrees.

Mission

Within the diverse constellation of America's higher educational institutions, Boricua College has these unique aims and commitments:

As a liberal arts institution, Boricua:

- Provides a solid program of liberal arts education;
- Develops the intellectual and affective skills and values required for life-long learning and leadership in the world;
- Provides students with a solid grounding in the concepts and methods of the social sciences, physical sciences and the humanities;
- Develops a sound, healthy body and the highly competent behaviors required for professional training;
- Provides a solid program of pre-professional education leading students to professional degrees.

As a Puerto Rican Institution, Boricua:

- Emphasizes the inseparability of culture and education;
- Responds to the educational and economic needs experienced by many Puerto Ricans, Latinos and other underrepresented communities of New York City;
- Focuses its learning activities on understanding and solving problems and developing Puerto Rican and Latino leadership.

As an innovative and non-traditional college, Boricua:

- Designs individualized learning programs which are pursued at the student's pace towards their intellectual and career goals;
- Offers learning activities not confined to college walls, and combines the world of scholarship with the world of work in creative and stimulating ways;
- Evaluates student progress through multiple measures;
- Reflects the diversity of student goals and recognizes student achievements whether prior to or during enrollment, as worthy of direct academic credit;
- Prepares students for the age of high technology, communications and computer literacy, and
- Aims for the highest standards of academic excellence from its students, faculty and staff.

Goal

This program has been designed for the purpose of increasing the number of trained paralegal assistants who are Latino bilingual or from other traditionally underrepresented communities of New York City.

Objectives

At the conclusion of this program, graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate self-awareness and a sense of wholeness as a person with the intellectual, affective and psychomotor skills necessary for life-long learning and paralegal competency.
- Demonstrate Mastery of literacy and communication in English, quantitative and scientific reasoning, technological ability, artistic appreciation and performance, and physical wellness.
- Demonstrate Mastery of the foundational principles of paralegal studies including: U.S. legal system (history and development) and contemporary needs for paralegal services in immigration, civil family and business law.
- Demonstrate Mastery of the differentiation and integration of personal and professional values of paralegal services in a multicultural environment.

Quantitative Requirements

Individualized Instruction:	19 Credits
Colloquium:	14 Credits
Experiential Studies:	12 Credits
Theoretical Studies:	12 Credits
Cultural Studies:	12 Credits
Total: 69 Credits	

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■ INDIVIDUALIZED INSTRUCTION

Requires a minimum of 19 credits and completion of four (4) sets of Instructional Modules:

- **Cognitive Science* I**
An approach to Humanities
- **Cognitive Science* II**
An approach to Social Sciences
- **Cognitive Science* III**
An approach to study of Early American History
- **Cognitive Science* IV**
An approach to American Legal System
- **Cognitive Science* V**
An approach to Paralegal Studies

■ COLLOQUIUM**

Requires a minimum of 14 credits in Affective Skills Development:

- **Affective Development I**
An approach through study of Humanities
- **Affective Development II**
An approach through study of Social Sciences
- **Affective Development III**
An approach to American History: (Civil war to the 21st Century)
- **Affective Development IV**
An approach through the Differentiation of Personal and Professional Values in Paralegal Studies
- **Affective Development V**
An approach through the Integration of Personal and Professional Values in Paralegal Studies

■ EXPERIENTIAL STUDIES

Requires a minimum of 12 credits in the performance and development of critical and reflective advanced Psychomotor Skills:

- **Perceptual Development**
Field Analysis of Legal Institutions
- **Physical Development**
Aerobics, Karate, Yoga, Puerto Rican Folkdance
- **Instructional Skills Development**
Computer Lab: Applications to Paralegal Studies
- **Practicum I**
Workshops Paralegal Office Management
- **Practicum II**
Internship in Paralegal Studies

■ THEORETICAL STUDIES

Requires a minimum of 12 credits: six (6) credits in Math and three (3) credits in Science and three (3) credits of Electives:

- **College Math I**
- **College Math II**
- **Biology I**
- **Principles of Business Law**
- **Principles of Immigration Law**

■ CULTURAL STUDIES

Requires a minimum of 12 credits: six (6) in English and six (6) in American History and Civil War:

- **English Composition I**
- **English Composition II: Paralegal Writing**
- **Principles of Family Law**
- **Principles of Civil Law**



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*Learning is a Relationship
between the Individual
and the Environment*



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