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| **Paralegal Core Competency Exam® Eligibility Chart** | | |
| **Education, Military Service, CRP™ credentials** | **Years of Substantive Paralegal Experience** | **CLE** |
| Bachelor Degree or higher | 6 months | 1 hour of NFPA-approved ethics CLE, within 2 years preceding application |
| Associate Degree | 1 year | 1 hour of NFPA-approved ethics CLE, within 2 years preceding application |
| Paralegal Certificate | 1 years | 1 hour of NFPA-approved ethics CLE, within 2 years preceding application |
| Military Paralegal Rate (Job) | Defined by rank | 1 hour of NFPA-approved ethics CLE, within 2 years preceding application |
| NFPA Assurance of Learning Education Partner Students | N/A | N/A |
| High School or GED | 5 years | 12 hours of NFPA-approved CLES, including 1 CLE hour of ethics, within 2 years preceding the Application |

**Education and Experience calculations example for Entry-Level Paralegals[[1]](#footnote-1)**

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| **Paralegal Advanced Competency Exam® Eligibility Chart** | | |
| **Education, Military Service, RP® credentials** | **Years of Substantive Paralegal Experience** | **CLE** |
| Bachelor Degree or higher | 2 years | 1 hour of NFPA-approved ethics CLE, within 2 years preceding application[1] |
| Associate Degree | 6 years | 1 hour of NFPA-approved ethics CLE, within 2 years preceding application |
| Paralegal Certificate[2] | 8 years | 1 hour of NFPA-approved ethics CLE, within 2 years preceding application |
| Military Paralegal Rank of E6 or higher | Defined by rank | 1 hour of NFPA-approved ethics CLE, within 2 years preceding application |
| CRP™ credentials renewed for at least 2 cycles | Defined by PCCE | 12 hours of NFPA-approved CLES, including 1 CLE hour of ethics, within 2 years preceding the Application |
| High School or GED | 10 years | 12 hours of NFPA-approved CLES, including 1 CLE hour of ethics, within 2 years preceding the Application |

**Education and Experience calculations example for Experienced Paralegals[[2]](#footnote-2)**

1. **From NFPA Website Fasttrack Page found on paralega.ls.org 2021.01.12** [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. **From NFPA Website Fasttrack Page found on paralega.ls.org 2021.01.12** [↑](#footnote-ref-2)