

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

**Education and Experience calculations example for Entry-Level Paralegals<sup>1</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> From NFPA Website Fasttrack Page found on [paralega.ls.org](http://paralega.ls.org) 2021.01.12

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

**Education and Experience calculations example for Experienced Paralegals<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>2</sup> From NFPA Website Fasttrack Page found on [paralega.ls.org](http://paralega.ls.org) 2021.01.12