

Arizona Legal Paraprofessional Program Licensing Requirements

Requirement	ACJA section	Description
Education pathway (degrees)	§ 7-210(E)(3)(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate-level degree in paralegal studies, or any Associate-level degree plus certificate in paralegal studies approved by ABA or accredited by U.S. Department of Education or Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) recognized agency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of 24 semester units or clock hour equivalent in legal specialization courses • Requires one year of substantive experience in addition to degree (see below) • Four-year Bachelor's degree in Law • Master of Legal Studies (MLS) • Juris Doctor from ABA school (excludes disbarred or suspended lawyers) • Foreign-trained lawyer with LLM from ABA accredited law school • Certification program for legal paraprofessionals approved by the Arizona Judicial Council (future option)
Education pathway (courses)	§ 7-210(E)(3)(b) (Note: Code does not require specific courses for JD applicants)	<p>All endorsement subject matter areas require a minimum of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 credit hours in each of Evidence, Legal Research and Writing, and Professional Responsibility • 120 hours of experiential learning that includes advocacy in each subject matter area of endorsement <p>Additional requirements by endorsement:</p> <p>Family Law: 3 credit hours in family law and 6 credit hours in civil procedure Civil Law: 3 credit hours in family law and 6 credit hours in civil procedure Criminal law: 3 credit hours in criminal law Administrative law: 3 credit hours in administrative law</p>
Education pathway (experience)	§ 7-210(E)(3)(b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All candidates must have 120 hours of experiential learning that includes content on advocacy in each area of endorsement (except JD applicants) • Associate-level degree applicants also require 1 year of substantive law related experience under the supervision of a lawyer in the practice area of each endorsement
Experience pathway	§ 7-210(E)(3)(c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternate route to qualification if candidate does not satisfy § 7-210(E)(3)(b) • 7 years of full-time substantive law-related experience within 10 years preceding application • 2 years of experience in the practice area in which the applicant seeks licensure • Proof of experience must be certified by the supervising attorney (State bar number, dates of employment, etc.)
Examination	§ 7-210(E)(2)(b)	<p>Two-parts (each is a 3-hour, multiple choice exam)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core exam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • legal terminology, substantive law, client communication, data gathering, document preparation, and ethics • Practice area exam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • substantive law in specific area that will become an endorsement on the LP's license