

# **THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO**

## **PARALEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM**

### *Vision, Mission and Goals*

#### **VISION:**

The University of Toledo's Paralegal Studies Program will be a premier American Bar Association approved program to prepare students for successful, productive employment in and contribution to the legal profession.

#### **MISSION:**

The University of Toledo's Paralegal Studies Program provides course work and practical experiences designed to develop the knowledge and communication skills necessary for successful, productive employment in and contribution to the legal profession.

#### **GOALS:**

***Goal #1: Provide a high quality paralegal educational program***

***Strategies:***

- Maintain prestigious approval by the American Bar Association.
- Design new courses and review existing courses for possible improvement and updating.
- Implement innovative teaching methods and technology.
- Requires students to demonstrate communication skills.
- Require students to research and analyze legal and ethical issues applying appropriate legal and ethical standards.

***Goal #2: Provide practical paralegal applications and experiences***

***Strategies:***

- Require completion of "real world" projects
- Require completion of internship
- Offer mock trial experience within inter-collegiate setting
- Offer mediation experience within clinic setting
- Provide networking opportunities with professional associations
- Provide community outreach through service learning opportunities