

## Is “Paralegal” the Right Career Right for You?

Here are several resources you can use to explore whether a paralegal career is right for you.

1. Begin the career exploration process by using trusted occupational information resources, both print-based and online. Print-based resources are available in the **College and Career Information Center** located within the College of DuPage Library. Frequently used internet-based resources include the sources below:

- [Career Information System\\*](#)
- [O\\*NET OnLine\\*](#)
- [Occupational Outlook Handbook on the Web](#)
- [My Next Move \(Learn more about career options\)](#)

*\*These resources also contain self-assessment activities to help you to learn more about your interests, skills and work-related values.*

In addition, the COD library can help you access Sigi3, which includes values, interest, personality, and other inventories to help you in your career search.

2. Counselors frequently conduct Career Inventory Workshops which can help clarify your interests and personality style. More information on these workshops is available at [Career Exploration/Decision-Making](#). A fee per inventory will be charged. Also, at select times of the year you are able to make an individual appointment with a counselor to discuss the appropriateness of taking a Career Interest and/or Personality Inventory and to process the results. Contact Counseling and Advising Services at (630) 942-2259 for more details.
3. For the most in-depth career exploration, you can enroll in a 2-credit hour Career Development course (EDUCA 1105). In this course you will utilize a variety of self-assessment inventories and activities. In addition, there will be printed and electronic occupational information resources to identify the careers that come closest to satisfying what is important to you in your next career move. Your choice of careers is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. You should make sure you spend ample time learning more about yourself and the right career fit for you. The better the fit, the greater your job satisfaction will be.