

ALASKA

Legal Nurse Consultant Developmental Undergraduate Certificate

Together, these five options will comprise the expanded Legal Studies curriculum in the Justice Center. Every Legal Studies student will be encouraged to engage in supervised pro bono service to Alaska legal aid agencies, and may seek to graduate with Pro Bono Service Honors

Each of these program options will be ABA-approved and grounded in a common core of courses combining theoretical knowledge with skills-based training in American legal practice.<sup>1</sup>

New program proposals for the AAS, BA, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, and LNC Paralegal

prerequisites, and facilitate student progress, enabling students to more efficiently achieve the degree of their choice.

Another Strategic Priority in UAA 2017 is focusing “on market share of Alaska’s college-bound students” and “recruitment of highly qualified high school graduates.” This proposal will establish the first Bachelor degree in Legal Studies in Alaska, create the first LNC Paralegal

Certificate in Paralegal Studies in Alaska, provide a Minor for students seeking a Bachelor degree in another field but desiring law-related workplace training, and provide career training and experience for students seeking a two-year degree that will lead to employment in the

**3. Impact of the proposed suite of programs on existing UA programs, including the GER.**

The only existing programs that may be impacted by this proposal are the UAA C

Information Systems (CIS) and Computer Information and Office Systems (CIOS) programs and the UAA English program: the CIS and CIOS programs due to a three-credit technology education requirement in the AAS and English due to a three-credit upper division composition requirement in the AAS and BA. Because the technology education requirement permits such a wide range of course options, neither CIS nor CIOS is likely to notice an actual impact on any one course. The English Department, which may notice slightly higher enrollments in its upper division composition courses, has indicated it can accommodate the proposed change. In addition, one course in Nursing Science will experience slightly higher enrollments due to the LNC Paralegal Certificate; Nursing Science has also indicated it can accommodate that increase.

**4. State needs met by the proposed suite of programs.**

As noted above, the Department of Health Services (HHS) has indicated that the proposed

corporations. Other employers include federal, state, and municipal agencies; state and federal  
prosecutors and defenders; court law libraries and clerks offices; insurance companies; estate

and trust departments of banks; hospitals and health care organizations; real estate and title

Expense projections are based on the costs associated with two new full-time tenure track faculty and adjunct professors for two courses. These positions are already funded, recruitments are in process, and will be filled regardless of the approval of these programs. Expense projections also include a modest allocation for travel, contractual services, and commodities. Personnel costs are projected to increase by 3.5% each year. There are no new appropriations required for the implementation of the five proposed programs. Instead, these programs are being supported by a reallocation of existing and projected revenues within the College of Health and the Justice Center. Starting in FY12 (Year 1), revenues are

expected to exceed the new expenses associated with these five new program options by