Critical Advisement Information: Paralegal Studies, AAS

1. Nashville State’s Paralegal A.A.S. Program is not related to the Pre-Law A.A./A.S. degree offered by Nashville State
2. The Paralegal Program is not part of Tennessee Transfer Pathways. Many of the courses in the core Paralegal Program will not transfer to a four-year institution.
3. Paralegal Studies is not the quickest or most cost-effective manner to obtaining a law degree and becoming a lawyer.
4. LEGL 1300: Introduction to Paralegal Studies is the required first course and a prerequisite to many of the other courses in the program.
5. In addition to LEGL 1300, it is recommended that a new paralegal student enroll in LEGL 1330: (Legal Writing) and LEGL 1320: (Legal Research) very early in the program.
6. In order to obtain an A.A.S. in Paralegal Studies at Nashville State, all students must participated in a mandatory paid or unpaid internship for an entire semester (15 weeks). Students working full-time have been able to satisfy this requirement through a variety of ways, including volunteering in the legal department of their current employer and using experience credit.
7. Have a conversation with the student about the connection between their degree choice and ultimate career choice.
8. Help students understand resources to support student success available through Nashville State.

<https://www.nscc.edu/current-students/on-campus-resources>

1. Have a conversation with the student about how their course work will help them reach their academic goals (i.e., coursework [writing assignments, speeches, presentations, collaborative assignments, exams, discussions, readings, research, etc.] helps improve reading, writing, critical thinking, communication, interpersonal, and time management skills)
2. Have a conversation with the student about how their educational experience at NSCC has contributed to their personal growth.
3. Make sure they are aware of the Advising Sheets and Career Outcomes tools. You can email them any of the tools during or after the advisement session.