

Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Paralegal Program at Edmonds Community College, the oldest and largest paralegal program in Washington State. Our program has a reputation as one of the best in the nation and has been approved by the American Bar Association since 1976.

There are three credentials offered through the Paralegal Program:

1. *Associate of Technical Arts Degree*

In order to complete the Associate of Technical Arts Degree, students are required to earn 45 credits in paralegal classes (about nine classes) in addition to 45 credits of general education college courses, 30 of which must be in traditional liberal arts. (90 credits total)

2. *Advanced Paralegal Certificate*

The *Advanced Paralegal Certificate* is designed to provide a paralegal education for students who have, or are in the process of obtaining, a Bachelor Degree. The Certificate is awarded upon completion of a minimum of 35 credits in required and elective legal courses, and evidence of the achievement of a Bachelor Degree.

3. *Medical Paralegal Certificate*

The *Medical Paralegal Certificate* is designed for students who, through medical education and experience, have a degree or diploma in nursing that would allow them to work as Medical Paralegals upon completion of their paralegal classes. The Certificate is awarded upon completion of 30 credits of required legal specialty courses.

Please contact me if you would like an opportunity to discuss our programs in more detail, or call the Advising Department at (425) 640-1458 to schedule an advising appointment with a curriculum or faculty advisor.

Again, I appreciate your interest, and look forward to welcoming you to our department and our college.

Sincerely,

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