Whatcom
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Paralegal Studies

Associate in Science (AS) - PARALEGAL STUDIES

The program provides students with the knowledge and skills for entry into paralegal careers in public or private law offices and law-related agencies. Whatcom's Paralegal Studies program offers an Associate in Science Degree and a Certificate for students with prior bachelor degree level achievement. Whatcom's Paralegal Studies curriculum has recently been aligned to standards outlined by the Washington Supreme Court, including new content in Family Law. At the time of publication of this catalogue, Whatcom is seeking approval to provide educational requirements for the Limited License Legal Technician (LLLT) licensing.

Effective Fall 2014

Course Requirements for Associate in Science (AS)-PARALEGAL STUDIES

CORE REQUIREMENTS		**Credits**
BIS 121	WORD PROCESSING I	3
OFFAD 127	LEGAL TERMINOLOGY	3
PLS 111	INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND THE LEGAL PROCESS	5
PLS 112	LAW OFFICE TECHNOLOGY	3
PLS 120	CIVIL PROCEDURE AND LITIGATION	5
PLS 130	LEGAL INTERVIEW AND INVESTIGATION TECHNIQUES	3
PLS 151	LAW OFFICE PROCEDURES AND LEGAL ETHICS	5
PLS 152	INTRO TO LEGAL RESEARCH, WRITING AND ANALYSIS	5
Sub-Total Units		**32**
SPECIALTY REQUIREMENTS	**Area/Title: Option 1 - General**	**Credits**
BUS& 201	BUSINESS LAW and/or	5
Any PLS courses not counted as core requirements		9 to 14
Sub-Total Units		**14**

or

SPECIALTY REQUIREMENTS	**Area/Title: Option 2 - Family Law**	**Credits**
Pending approval by state agencies, Option 2 courses will prepare students for the Limited License Legal Technician educational requirements.		
PLS 175	CONTRACTS, CONSUMER LAW AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE	3
PLS 240	FAMILY LAW I	5
PLS 241	FAMILY LAW II	5

PLS 242	FAMILY LAW III	5
Sub-Total Units		**18**
GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS/RELATED INSTRUCTION*		**Credits**
BUSAD 100	BUSINESS MATH (CP) or	5
Any course designated Computation on Related Instruction List. (CP)		5
ENGL& 101	ENGLISH COMPOSITION I (CM)	5
CMST& 101	INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNICATION (HR) or	3 or 5
CMST& 210	INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION (HR) or	3 or 5
Any course designated "OC"		3 to 5
Enrollment in at least one course from each of the following areas: Humanities "H", Social/Behavioral Science "SS", Math/Science "MS" or "MSI"		15 to 17
Sub-Total Units		**30**
ELECTIVES/COOPERATIVE WORK EXPERIENCE		**Credits**
CO-OP 190	COOPERATIVE EDUCATION/INTERNSHIP or	5
approved equivalent		5
Additional Cooperative Work Experience and/or any course numbered 100 and above.		9
Sub-Total Units		**14**
Total Units		**90-94**