Whatcom
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## Paralegal Studies

## Certificate (Cert) - 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 Certificate (Cert)-PARALEGAL STUDIES

| **GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS/RELATED INSTRUCTION*** | | **Credits** |
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| EVIDENCE OF EARNED BACHELOR'S DEGREE | | |
| **Sub-Total Units** | | **0** |
| **CORE REQUIREMENTS** | | **Credits** |
| 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 |
| CO-OP 190 Cooperative Education/Internship | | 5 |
| **Sub-Total Units** | | **34** |
| **SPECIALTY REQUIREMENTS** | **Area/Title: Option 1 - General** | **Credits** |
| BUS& 201 | BUSINESS LAW<br>and/or | 5 |
| Any PLS courses not counted as core requirements | | 8 to 14 |
| **Sub-Total Units** | | **13 - 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.

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| 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** |
| **Total Units** | | **47-52** |