

## REQUIREMENTS FOR PARALEGAL STUDIES

### PROGRAM 1

#### The Certificate Program

For students who have already earned an Associate's or Bachelor's Degree, you can complete our ABA-Approved Certificate Program, an 11 course, 33-35 academic unit program that gives you the skills you need to become a successful Paralegal.

Number	Descriptive	Units
Required Courses		
Para 1	Introduction to Paralegal Studies	3
Law 4	Legal Env. of Bus. or Law 5 - Business Law	4 or 3
Law 11	Introduction to Legal Research	3
Law 16	Civil Procedure	3
Law 17	Legal Research and Writing	3
Law 19	Introduction to Legal Technology	3
Law 20	Paralegal Seminar	3
Elective Courses (Complete 4 of the following)		
Law 12	Probate Procedures	3
Law 13	Family Law	3
Law 14	Tort Law	3
Law 15	Civil & Criminal Evidence	3
Law 18	Wills, Trusts and Estate Planning	3
Law 95	Cooperative Work Experience Education	3 or 4
RE 12A	Legal Aspects of Real Estate	3
Total Units		33-35

### PROGRAM 2

#### Associate in Arts Degree Program

Our ABA-Approved Degree Program combines the requirements of the Certificate with general education coursework. By finishing your legal specialty courses with a 3.0 gpa or higher, you can earn your Associate's Degree and the Certificate at the same time.

Number	Descriptive	Units
General Education Requirements*		27-30
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Required Courses		
Para 1	Introduction to Paralegal Studies	3
Law 4	Legal Env. of Bus. or Law 5 - Business Law	4 or 3
Law 11	Introduction to Legal Research	3
Law 16	Civil Procedure	3
Law 17	Legal Research and Writing	3
Law 19	Introduction to Legal Technology	3
Law 20	Paralegal Seminar	3
Elective Courses (Complete 4 of the following)		
Law 12	Probate Procedures	3
Law 13	Family Law	3
Law 14	Tort Law	3
Law 15	Civil & Criminal Evidence	3
Law 18	Wills, Trusts and Estate Planning	3
Law 95	Cooperative Work Experience Education	3 or 4
RE 12A	Legal Aspects of Real Estate	3
Total Units		60-65

\* 18 units must be from the current ABA-approved General Education courses. See updated list at [www.elcamino.edu/paralegal](http://www.elcamino.edu/paralegal)

THIS PROGRAM IS APPROVED BY THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION.  
 PARALEGALS MAY NOT PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES DIRECTLY TO THE PUBLIC, EXCEPT AS PERMITTED BY LAW.