

## Start a Career as a Paralegal at Middlesex Community College

Enrollment is now open for Middlesex Community College's **Paralegal Studies** programs. Approved by the American Bar Association, MCC's Paralegal Studies programs offer two associate-degree programs, a career track and a transfer track, as well as a one-year post-graduate certificate program (for those who have already earned an associate or bachelor's degree). Courses begin Monday, Jan. 25.

MCC's **Paralegal Studies Career** degree program prepares graduates for employment assisting lawyers in gathering and analyzing factual data, researching legal questions and preparing legal documents. During this two-year program, students will take 60 credits (20 courses) as well as complete a 15-week internship in a law office, the court system, or the MCC Law Center, a mediation program the college runs in cooperation with the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office.

MCC's **Paralegal Studies Transfer** program is designed to prepare graduates to transfer to bachelor degree programs on a full- or part-time basis. This program qualifies for *MassTransfer*, which guarantees credit transfer to Massachusetts state universities. Many students in this track go on to complete bachelor's degrees, and some go on to law school and become practicing attorneys.

MCC's post-graduate **Paralegal Studies Certificate** program is appropriate for students who have already earned an associate or bachelor's degree and are interested in changing careers. This one-year program focuses on legal courses and emphasizes solid academic and practice-oriented preparation.

For more information about MCC's Paralegal Studies programs, visit <https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/paralegal/> or contact John Espinosa, Esq., MCC's Paralegal Studies Program Coordinator, at [espinosaj@middlesex.mass.edu](mailto:espinosaj@middlesex.mass.edu).

Middlesex Community College meets the evolving educational, civic and workforce needs of our local and global communities. As one of the largest, most comprehensive community colleges in the state, we educate more than 13,000 students annually on our campuses in Bedford and Lowell, and online. MCC offers more than 70 degree and certificate programs, plus hundreds of noncredit courses. At Middlesex, everyone teaches, everyone learns.