GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN CALIFORNIA PARALEGAL STUDIES

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As Washington DC’s only academic-credit-bearing paralegal studies program, the graduate certificate in paralegal studies provides powerful credentials and is a signal to the best employers that you withstood the academic rigor of one of the nation’s best paralegal programs. You’ll study with the nation’s leading experts and get the critical knowledge and skills you need to enter legal, corporate, healthcare, or government practice with confidence and acumen.

The graduate certificate comprises the core course sequence plus any two of the legal practice areas courses, including the highly recommended California Law and Practice course. These eight courses, or 24 credits, builds on the foundational knowledge students gain in the early courses and expands on the knowledge in alignment with students’ academic and professional objectives. Additionally, the certificate fully compiles with the educational requirements outlined in California Business and Professions Code, Chapter 5.6, §6450 (c), thereby allowing you to qualify as a paralegal in the state of California. Completion of this certificate typically takes three or four semesters.

Credits earned for the certificate can be counted toward the 32-credit master of professional studies in paralegal studies (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/professional-studies/graduate-programs/paralegal-studies/) degree. As a credit-bearing program, the certificate qualifies for military benefits and federal financial aid.

Visit the program website (https://cps.gwu.edu/paralegal-studies-graduate-certificates/) for additional information.

ADMISSIONS

Applicants to either Paralegal Studies graduate certificate must have a:

- Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning or international equivalent
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale

You’ll also have to complete our online application and submit the necessary required materials, including one letter of recommendation (academic or professional). If you need assistance, please contact us by emailing applycps@gwu.edu.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:
College of Professional Studies - Office of Admission

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