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Terry Campus opens Paralegal Degree Option

DOVER- Those seeking training to become a paralegal now have a local, affordable option at Delaware Technical & Community College, Terry Campus. The campus offers a paralegal associate's degree option, available now. Registration for summer and fall semesters begins Monday, April 16.

College Vice President and Campus Director Daniel L. Simpson said the programs of study offered at the Terry Campus are not picked at random, but selected through a rigorous process that identifies the careers that are in highest demand in Delaware.

"A primary focus of the Delaware Tech mission is to provide well trained individuals that can meet the employment needs of our community. In response to numerous inquiries, we conducted an extensive survey of agencies that hire paralegals," Simpson said. "The survey results clearly indicated a significant amount of career opportunities in this exciting and rewarding field."

The Terry Campus constructed the paralegal program considering the specific skills needed to succeed in the career. Legal courses instruct students on family law, contracts, estate administration, proper legal writing, research techniques and law office management procedures. Students also learn the structure and organization of the American legal

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system, ethical duties and responsibilities of a paralegal, computer software skills with specialized legal applications and more. In addition, the program requires completion of a legal internship to provide work experience to supplement classroom knowledge.

Students at the Terry Campus, ranging from ages 19 to mid-50s, are finding that paralegals are no longer confined to only working in law firms. Diversified employment opportunities are available in federal, state and local government agencies, law firms, the court system, banks, insurance companies, private businesses and corporations. Because of this, students have the flexibility in choosing electives to fit their employment goals.

After students earn an associate's degree they have the opportunity to take part in the Terry Campus's Connected Degree program. The program allows Delaware Tech graduates to transfer their credits to a four year college or university to pursue a bachelor's degree.

The Terry Campus Paralegal Studies Instructor Amy Hudson knows from experience the importance of well-educated paralegals.

"This training is crucial," Hudson said. "A quality paralegal makes an attorney's job much easier and every business can utilize educated legal advice." Hudson, who also serves as a paralegal instructor, comes to the Terry Campus with a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania. She has served as a law clerk to a federal judge in Philadelphia and practiced business, tax and estate planning at Morris, James, Hitchens & Williams LLP in Wilmington.

For more information about the paralegal associate's degree option, call Amy Hudson at 302-857-1773 and visit www.dtcc.edu/terry/paralegal.

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