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## **PARALEGAL STUDIES RECEIVED ABA REAPPROVAL UNTIL 2021!**

*Pasadena, California:* Pasadena City College is pleased to announce that the American Bar Association (ABA) has granted re-approval to the Paralegal Studies Program offered at PCC for the 5<sup>th</sup> time. Paralegal education programs that are approved by the ABA have gone that extra mile toward providing a consistent high standard of learning in the paralegal field. This is an intensive process that evaluates the quality of the paralegal program, and only accepts those that meet specific standards consistent with ABA-approved guidelines. Since 1995, PCC Paralegal Studies Program has met those defined and demanding standards for ABA approval.

In order to obtain or retain approval by the American Bar Association, a program of education of paralegals must demonstrate that its program is consistent with sound educational policies by establishing that it operates in accordance with the Guidelines. This year we are happy to announce that our ABA preapproval demonstrates that PCC Paralegal Studies Program has successfully met the high standards and consistency and rigorous guidelines and evaluations. Schools that successfully complete the ABA approval process have shown a definite commitment to their program through research, assessments, meeting with the stakeholders, completing the application process, covering expenses for site evaluation teams and paying application, processing, renewal and other fees. This is a considerable investment and many students have greater confidence in their education when they know that they are not the only ones investing in it. Although having an ABA-approved education is not absolutely necessary, the students should be aware that many employers see completion of an ABA-approved program as a plus, as do some paralegal professional associations when qualifying candidates for certification.

**ABOUT THE PROGRAM:** Pasadena City College Paralegal Studies program started in 1973 and has been continuously ABA (American Bar Association) approved since 1995. Students in the Program work towards a Certificate of Achievement or an A.S. degree with flexible scheduling for day and evening (with a Certificate of Achievement is awarded upon completion of all required Paralegal Studies core courses). The paralegal curriculum and legal coursework is designed to provide students with paralegal skills that are most in demand by employers such as comprehensive understanding of law, practical skills and technical proficiency needed to compete in today's legal environment, combining a solid background in liberal arts with a range of legal specialty courses. Our faculty is comprised of local attorneys and paralegals who bring to the classroom a wealth of experience and talent. The program is designed to provide a high quality, academically robust learning environment that encourages, supports, and facilitates student learning and success by educating students to complete paralegal tasks, to cope with case management, and to understand client relationships. Graduates go on to rewarding careers in law firms, corporate legal departments, government, non-profits, banking, insurance, and the public sector. We pride ourselves on the quality of our faculty, the full and flexible nature of our student support services and the success of our graduates. For more information please feel free to visit our website at [www.pccparalegal.com](http://www.pccparalegal.com)