

What the industry thinks of our program and grads:

Stephen Danvers
Senior Recruitment Specialist, Arlyn Recruitment

“Capilano University’s School of Legal Studies’ programs are top-notch and have an exceptional reputation within the legal community – and this reputation is well-deserved. Throughout my 20+ years servicing the legal market, I have found CapU’s graduating students to be extremely well-prepared and poised for success in their careers of choice. The caliber of CapU’s students speaks to the quality of the programs offered, as well as the legal community’s support for the University’s legal programs. The reputation of CapU’s School of Legal Studies is what other academic institutions strive for. As a result, students graduating from CapU’s legal programs will find themselves at a distinct advantage when seeking employment.”

Milana Smiljanic
Director, Human Resources, Farris LLP

“The LAA program at CapU is fantastic. I love the comprehensive learning program that the students are a part of. The roundtable discussions are invaluable both for the students and legal employers and it’s a great way to connect and develop community relationships early in the program. The instructors and program coordinators at CapU are not only subject matter experts but they also really care about each of the students and do a phenomenal job at ensuring the next generation of legal support professionals are prepared for the real world.”

Deborah Bennett
HR Consultant, Virgin Hickman

“In our experience, Cap U grads come equipped with high quality training which helps us to develop them into high functioning team members more quickly than students from other educational institutes. We have had success in hiring recent graduates and practicum students who have become long term team members.”

Catharine Rae
HR and Talent Director, Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP

“Over my career as an HR professional I have experienced the value and benefited from supporting the CapU students in the LAA and Paralegal programs. We have had great success working with the faculty and the multi-dozens of students we have placed together as LAAs and paralegals. These placements lead to strong careers in the legal industry, and I have enjoyed watching the students succeed in their chosen field. I look forward to working with CapU for many years still to come.”

What our grads have to say:

Lindsay Morgan: LAA Grad, 2018; BLS Grad, 2021

“The Legal Administrative Assistant Certificate program at Capilano University truly launched my career. Right from the beginning I found my instructors to be incredibly supportive, which motivated me to succeed. Through the LAA program, I was able to obtain a scholarship and a job that I truly love. The LAA program bolstered my passion for the legal field, and inspired me to continue in my educational pursuits. After completing my LAA certificate, I completed my Bachelor of Legal Studies (Paralegal) Degree at Capilano University and am now pursuing a law degree. Throughout my entire experience at Capilano University, I have always felt supported by the legal studies faculty. I cannot recommend this program enough.”

Rana Beyat: LAA Grad, 2021

“I had a great experience in the LAA program at Capilano University. One key element that stood out to me about the program was the group of incredible and supportive instructors. Every single instructor in this program wants to see you succeed, not just while you are in the program but also in your future career. I cannot express enough how reassuring it is to graduate while having a team behind you to help with your next chapter.

Aside from the caring instructors, this program does a great job in preparing you with the skills you are required to know as an LAA which aids for a smooth transition from school to a law firm.

The instructors taught course content in unique ways which made learning fun, and in turn easier to retain and understand the content. Although the courses were online, our teachers incorporated many interactive activities which promoted teamwork and social skills. All in all, the program was well balanced, and I will most definitely be able to apply the skills I have learned to future aspirations in the legal field.”

Lisa Ryan: LAA Grad, 2021

“I came across Capilano University by googling things like “best LAA Program in Vancouver” and “Legal Assistant Certificate Vancouver hire rates”. There are several similar programs available locally, but the Capilano University program seemed to consistently rank highest.

Having completed well over 60 credits between Douglas College and Simon Fraser University, I was hesitant to move to a new post-secondary institution. Luckily, I know enough people working in various legal professions in the Lower Mainland to get some insider perspective. Overwhelmingly, Capilano graduates were viewed favourably and seemed to come off as a safe bet for a new hire. With that, my decision was made.

The quality of teaching was top notch. The classes were ordered in a way that made sense. The content, for the most part, built upon what came before.

The generalized legal skills that were taught and built upon throughout the 2 terms prepared me for work and allowed me to start off feeling confident that I would be an asset to my firm. I now work in a firm that is truly a beautiful fit for me.

Overall, I am very thankful I decided to go to Capilano University for the Legal Assistant Certificate program and look forward to starting the Paralegal Certificate program this upcoming term.”

Ivy Tsui Shan Ng: LAA Grad, 2021

“I want to take a moment to extend my sincere appreciation to all of the professional instructors, administrators, and staff in the School of Legal Studies.

A big takeaway from this program is that it is never too late to learn, regardless of gender, cultural background, or work experience. The information session set the tone for my time as a student – I was embraced by the presenter (also an instructor) who has since become my career-path mentor.

The program is very well planned and developed. I learned everything from legal terminology, legal procedures, how to use online resources and how to problem solve. Through the program, I felt ready and confident to start my career in the legal industry.

I completed my practicum with The Department of Justice and am thrilled that I was hired on as an assistant in the Criminal Law (international) department.”