

## **HGTC Paralegal Program Objectives**

1. Provide paralegal students with a well rounded education based upon a combination of general education and legal specialty courses that stress the development of critical thinking skills and the practical application of knowledge gained.
2. Provide competency-based instruction that is responsive to the needs of the legal community, thus providing meaningful career opportunities for paralegal students in both the private and public sector.
3. Provide a Paralegal Program that incorporates the latest technology utilized in the law office and prepares students with the computer skills, to include data and word processing and computer assisted legal research skills necessary for successful employment as a paralegal.
4. Provide a Paralegal Program that instills respect for the legal profession and supports principles of ethical legal practice, to include a thorough understanding of the laws governing the unauthorized practice of law.
5. Provide a Paralegal Program that contributes to the advancement of the legal profession.
6. Provide a Paralegal Program that supports and encourages students interested in continuing their education and maintaining their skills.
7. Provide a Paralegal Program that offers equality of opportunity for all students regardless of race, sex, age, national origin, religion, or disability.