TRANSFER SUGGESTIONS FOR PARALEGAL MAJORS

A. In beginning your search for the right college for you, consider the following:

(1) Which colleges offer Legal Studies or Paralegal Studies as a major or minor? Consider:

Anna Maria College, Paxton, MA
Bay Path College, Longmeadow, MA
Boston University, Boston, MA
Elms College, Chicopee, MA
Newbury College, Brookline, MA
Suffolk University, Boston, MA
University of Hartford, Hartford, CT

If a college does not offer a legal studies major, consider what program your courses would fit into best? Try looking at their requirements for Political Science, Liberal Arts, Government, etc. Consider:
Bentley University, Waltham, MA
University of Massachusetts, Lowell or Amherst, MA and other state schools
Remember if you took the Transfer track for paralegals, you will fit into one of their programs and enter as a junior.

(2) Do you want to go to a small school or a large school? Do you want to be in the city or the suburbs?

(3) Is cost a consideration? Public schools are usually less expensive than private schools, but private schools may have more financial aid to offer. Would you be eligible for any scholarships or government loans?

(4) Are there any special programs for students like you?
Consider the non-traditional student programs at Mount Holyoke College's *Frances Perkins Program;* Simmons College's *Dorothea Lynde Dix Program*; Smith College's *Ada Comstock Program*; Bryn Mawr College's *Katherine McBride Program*; and Wellesley College's *Davis Degree Program.* Similarly, Tufts University's REAL program (*Resumed Education for Adult Learners*) may be right for you.

(5) Will you commute to your new school or will you be living on campus? If you are a single parent, does the college have housing for you and your child(ren)? Many do.

B. Search the college catalogs located in the Academic, Career and Transfer Counseling Department. There is a lot available online as well.

C. Search college web sites on line. Try these:
www.collegeboard.com
www.embark.com
www.bls.gov/oco

D. Plan to visit your top choices in person. Every college looks good in a glossy photo…but you get a better feel for the school when you visit. Be sure to talk to some students there.

E. Pay attention to application deadlines!

F. Check the MCC Transfer Web Site for transfer information and events.
https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/transfer/

G. Meet with MCC Transfer counselor Jane Fain.