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WKU-O to offer paralegal studies programs

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Western Kentucky University-Owensboro will be offering for the first time paralegal associate's and bachelor's degree programs in the fall of 2019.

Julie Shadoan, professor and program coordinator of paralegal studies, said the program is listed as paralegal studies. It has been offered at the main campus in Bowling Green as an associate degree program since 1999, and as a bachelor's program since 2015. The associate's program is two years consisting of 66 hours. The bachelor's program is completable in four years and consists of 120 hours.

Shadoan refers to it as a paralegal-plus program, however, because it does more than prepare students to go out into the workforce to do traditional paralegal abilities at a private law firm.

"We are preparing them for a wide variety of positions, and a wide variety of different career options," she said. "We track our graduates after six months post graduation and we have a pretty clear idea as to where they are working, and we also survey them so that we a get a better idea as to how well they feel prepared for their particular job, and what things we can do differently to better prepare them for their particular job."

WKU also surveys employers to get a sense of similar information, and what they think might be lacking in the degree plan, and if there should be any changes to the curriculum in order to better prepare students.

The classes at WKU-O will be interactive television courses that will allow faculty and students at the main campus to communicate directly in real time with students in Owensboro. Students are not required to travel to the main campus to attend class.





Additionally, there will be online course options available as well.

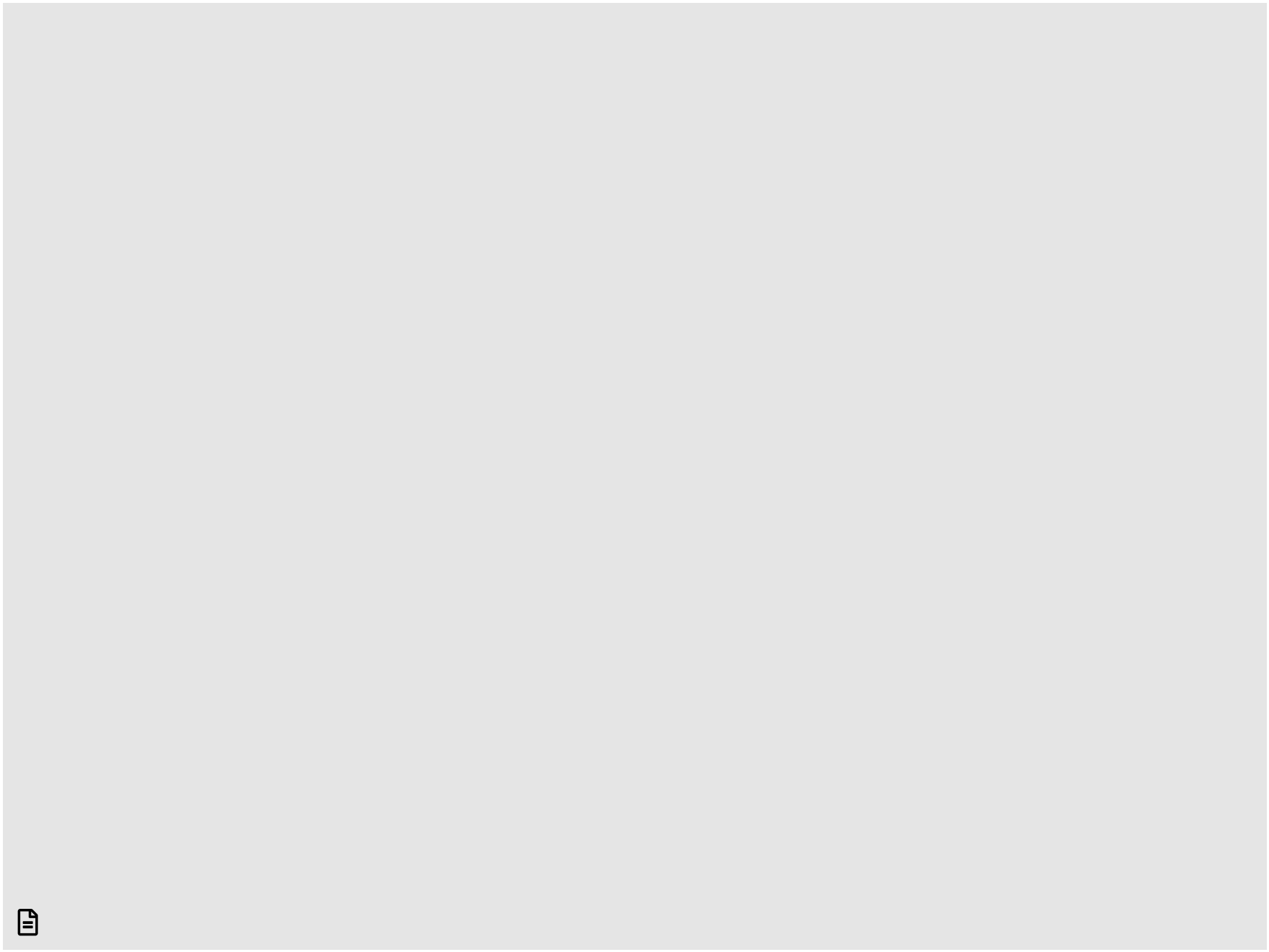
Shadoan is the main contact for the program, and interested students should contact her. She is available on phone and email, and can visit Owensboro to meet potential students in person if preferred.

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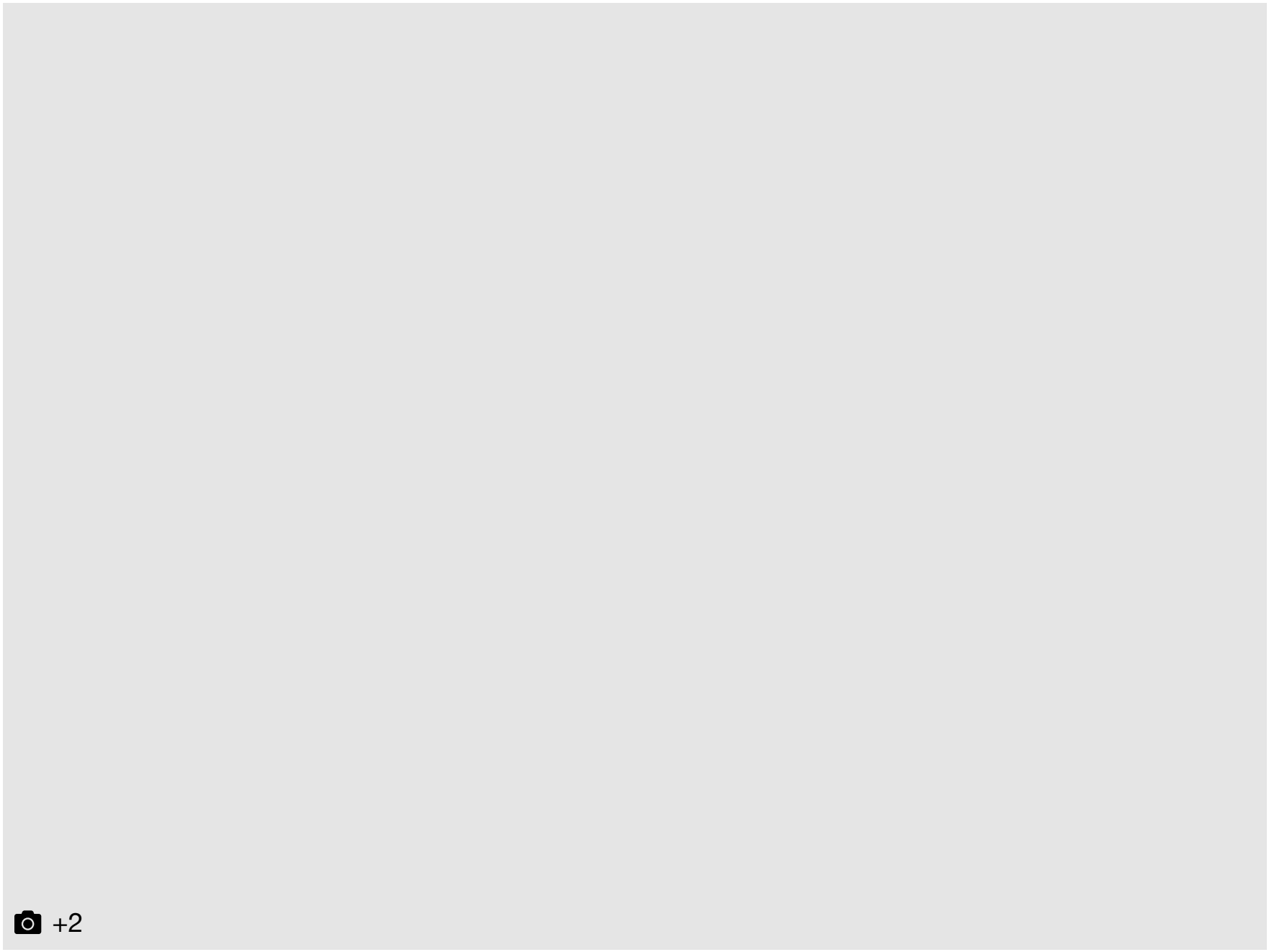


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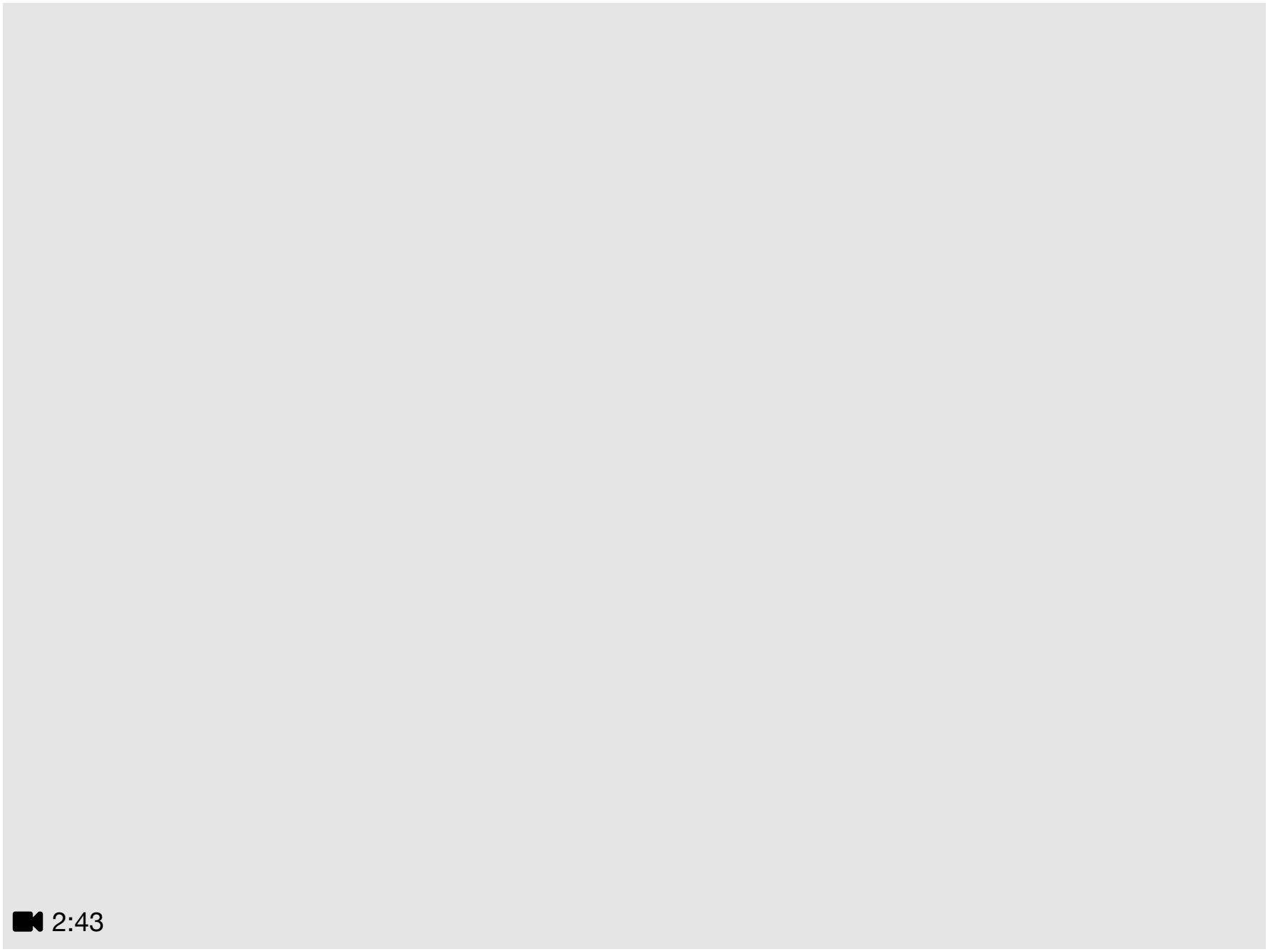


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