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Syracuse University is breaking ground with the nation's first program which will allow students to earn a law degree online. N-C-C News' James Hilepo has more.

(TRACK 1)

Syracuse University will begin offering a fully interactive online law degree program in January of 2019. The degree will feature the same curriculum as the on-campus law program. Director of Online Education at S-U's School of Law, Kathleen O'Connor says offering an online alternative is an important step for the field itself.

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NAME:O'Connor

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<"We also believe that education and especially higher education is moving in this direction and law is way behind the rest.">

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The program will allow online students to work while they earn their law degree part-time. Though no school has ever done this before, O'Connor says Syracuse felt they could do it the right way.

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NAME:O'Connor

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<" Our faculty felt confident that our particular program, that we could take that to an online audience and reach new and very qualified students who are unable to come to our residential program. ">

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Applications for the online program open next month. For N-C-C News, I'm James Hilepo.