As long as you have imported your certificate into the OS X Keychain, Apple Mail detects the certificates and uses them.

1. When you open the Mail application after importing your certificate, a prompt will appear:

   ![Mail wants to use your confidential information stored in “privateKey” in your keychain. Do you want to allow access to this item?](image)

   By selecting “Always Allow” you are permitting Mail to use your personal signature to sign your emails.

2. Under Options you can select the desired signing and encryption settings:

   ![Mail client showing options](image)

   - Digitally Sign Message
   - Encrypt Message

3. When composing a new message, the Mail client will notify you that the message will be signed:

   ![Mail client showing message is digitally signed](image)
You can send an encrypted message only if you have the recipient’s public key. If you do not, Mail displays the following message:

“This message cannot be encrypted because you do not have the public key for destination email address. Do you want to send the message without encryption?”