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EDUCATION PROFILE

## Unemployed? Time to uncover your potential

Unemployment, as it turns out, has been another consequence of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Over the past few months national unemployment rates have seen levels reminiscent of the Great Depression. Like millions of New Yorkers, the New York City economy was paused as we implemented unprecedented measures to flatten the curve. Because of this, over the past few weeks, we have seen positive signs of our economy coming back to life. However, while many are heading back to work, many others find themselves unemployed, rethinking their career choices, or looking to expand their professional interests and options.

If this is you, look no further than a Continuing Education (CE) program at your local community college. Continuing Education programs provide preparation, training and certifica-



Dr. Claudia V. Schrader, President of Kingsborough Community College, encourages you to use Continuing Education as an avenue to uncover your potential.

tion in a number of areas that enable you to develop new skills and enhance your credentials. These programs can help to refine

your personal skills and interests, like English as a Second Language (ESL) and Graphic Design. You can develop professional

skills which can make you more marketable and valuable as an employee in a program like Business Writing and Grammar. There are programs to position you for a wider variety of employment opportunities (like Certified Nursing Assistant), provide you with a forum to meet new people (like Arthritis Workout), network and develop valuable career connections (like Zoom workshop) and provide you with new avenues to enhance your income (like Security Guard Training).

Continuing Education courses are offered in different formats, and are flexible, easily fitting into busy work and personal schedules. Courses are taught by instructors with extensive experience in their sectors, many of whom are still employed in the industry, and courses can take place on college campuses, training centers and online. Be-

cause Continuing Education programs are designed to support your continued development and success, many CE programs have resources and scholarships to help you achieve your goals.

If you are looking to enhance your skills, embark on a new profession, network, start or own business or just take a class to explore personal interests, then Continuing Education is for you. Enroll today and uncover your potential!

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