CUNY EDGE, formerly known as the COPE program, provides students with a range of services, benefits, and supports so that they succeed in college and in their careers.

CUNY EDGE envisions a world in which all people have access to the educational opportunities and support they need to realize academic success, a sustainable career, and a brighter future.

CUNY EDGE’s mission is to help CUNY students who are receiving public assistance achieve academic excellence, graduate on time, and find employment.

Our services are provided at all CUNY senior and community colleges across New York City’s five boroughs.

In our first semester, over 3,000 students participated in CUNY EDGE.
PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

CUNY EDGE is a partnership between the New York City Human Resources Administration (HRA) and the University.

Matriculated CUNY undergraduate students who receive cash assistance from HRA are eligible to participate in CUNY EDGE.

Students can participate in other CUNY programs such as ASAP, College Discovery, and SEEK at the same time as CUNY EDGE.

NYC Human Resources Administration (HRA) Work Study Program

The HRA Work Study Program provides a limited number of paid work opportunities for CUNY EDGE students.

Student Eligibility
- HRA determines eligibility and the number of hours each student is assigned.

Work Study Site Placement
- CUNY EDGE staff identify available work opportunities on campus.
- We screen and match students to appropriate sites, taking into consideration their majors, interests, and experience.
- Students gain invaluable professional experience and build their resumes.
- Students are able to work up to 19 hours per week.
- If your office is interested in hosting a HRA Work Study student, speak to your college’s CUNY EDGE office.

GET AN EDGE ON YOUR EDUCATION

- CUNY EDGE provides structured, effective programming to help students complete their degree.
- The crux of CUNY EDGE’s work is ongoing, individualized academic, personal, and career planning support.
- We encourage consistent enrollment in courses each semester and enrollment in intersession classes, as needed.
- We promote a culture of academic excellence.
- We connect students to work opportunities while in school and provide career development services for job placement after graduation.
- Advisors and other staff members lead a personal and professional development seminar series each semester to assist students with goal-setting, career development, and self-advocacy.
- CUNY EDGE collaborates with other college offices to best support our students.

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