

Dear Campus Community,

Please find below some updates and highlights regarding our work within the division for January 2025.

Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning

The **CUNY Career Launch Program** is offering summer internships that pay up to \$20/hour! Students can gain experience in the **Healthcare, STEM/Green, Marketing & Communications, and Community & Social Impact** fields.

Eligibility requirements: This is an opportunity for those who have never had a paid internship. If students are between 18 and 24 years old, currently enrolled as a CUNY undergraduate for Spring 2025, maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher, and are eligible to work in the United States, please **apply here by February 17th** [👉 CareerLaunch](#).

Students may also participate in Virtual Info Sessions on February 6 and February 11 to learn more about this opportunity: [Click here to register](#)

The **Center** is accepting new and/or gently used **professional attire** for Kingsborough students throughout the winter module. Please drop off your donations to Room C-102.

CUNY Internship Programs will host a virtual information session on **Thursday, February 6th, at 1:00 p.m. about the CUNY x MTA Internship program**. Please encourage students to register on [Handshake](#) to learn about this **paid internship opportunity**.

In collaboration with **Professors Mark D'Alessandro** and **Anthony Marzuillo**, we have been working with **CUNY's Office of Transformation** on an **"AAS Redesign" initiative to improve wage outcomes after graduation**. Funds from this initiative allowed us to hire a part-time Career Advisor to support **Tourism & Hospitality, and Culinary Arts students with career exploration, internship and job searches**. Some highlights as a result of this effort: **hosted a career panel titled "Mis En Place" featuring KCC alum and industry experts who shared their experiences in the Culinary/Hospitality field; promoted materials regarding services that were created and distributed to students; and, experienced an increase in students seeking advisement and/or support for culinary internships**. Some potential partnerships are in the works, and we are excited to share that information soon.

We are developing the **spring calendar**. If you are interested in collaborating with the Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning, please email Marisa Joseph at marisa.joseph@kbcc.cuny.edu.

Employers will recruit on campus in the Breezeway while classes are in session. Please continue to visit the **Linktree** for details regarding who we will host: <https://linktr.ee/kcccareer>.

The **Virtual Front Desk** is open Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.: <https://zoom.us/my/kcccareer>. Students can also visit Room C-102, call (718) 368-5115, or email career.development@kbcc.cuny.edu.

Community Farm & Garden

For faculty questions, research, and collaborations, please contact **Dr. Shannon Caravello** at Shannon.Caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu. For updates, follow **KCC_CFG** on Instagram. **We will resume activities in the spring.**

Faculty interested in a **class tour of the farm or hydroponics lab** can click on **Your Request Form” button here:** https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/cewd/urban_farm/index.html.

Grant Proposals

The division submitted a **\$500K proposal** to the **New York State Office of Just Energy Transition's (OJET) Growing the Clean Energy Workforce** grant program. If awarded, funding will be used to develop a **Bridges to Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technology** course that will expose students to green and sustainable systems, methods, jobs, and career pathways. The course includes modules in **Green Building & Construction, Wind Power, Water Power, Solar Energy, Earth Farming & Stewardship**, and **Fire Energy**, as well as a **Career Development course** that will provide resources to help students explore related jobs and career pathways. The program will also connect students to advanced training opportunities, internships, apprenticeships, and fellowships that are offered throughout the city and other CUNY colleges, [Solar1](#), the [RETI Center](#), the [Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy](#), [Stacks + Joules](#), [Green City Force](#), and others. This program will be the next in a growing line of renewable energy-related training programs offered through the division.

Workforce Trainings

KCC's successes in its **Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technology** programs paved the way for additional training in 2025! In 2024, we provided **23 Bridges to Offshore Wind, three Bridges to Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technology, three Deckhand, two Welding**, and the **ongoing Seafarers International Union Pre-Apprenticeship** training programs to more than **580 participants**, with many more on our waiting list. We also participated in **three panelists and eight tabling events**. Many presentations and information sessions were also provided to further promote our programs, recruit students, source funding for additional programs, and foster relationships with new employer partners and Community Based Organizations. A few partnerships to highlight are with **Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow**, the **Consortium for Workers Education**, the **Red Hook Initiative**, the **Red Hook Community Justice Center**, **RETI Center**, **Good Shepherd Services**, **NY Climate Exchange**, **New York State Energy Research & Development Agency**, and the **New York State Department of Labor** to continue providing our existing Renewable Energy related training or develop additional new ones. **For more information** on these training opportunities, visit: <https://sites.google.com/view/bridgestooffshorewind/kingsborough-community-college>.

Cannabis Training - "[From Cannabis to Cuisine](#)" is in its last semester of programming, having served **184 students since January 2022**. Now, that the State has released regulations around processing and dispensing cannabis, the team has placed **eight students into full-time jobs during the past three months**, including **two students in management positions**. We supported four licensees opening dispensaries and nearly 20 entrepreneurs launching cannabis businesses or product lines. We are proud of [Eliot Tarver](#) and [Advisory Board](#) member [Mario Ramos](#), who teamed up to open a new [ConBud dispensary](#) in the Bronx. Also, our newest employer partner, [The Travel Agency](#), was assisted in filling over 40 positions at their upcoming SoHo location. With new additions to the staff, including [Tiffany Walters](#) of NYS Cannabis Connect, and Chef [Rhiana Nisnevich](#), aka Chef KOKUJIN, the waitlist has grown to nearly 400 applicants. To stay up-to-date on all the activities, [join our mailing list by clicking here](#).

CUNY Fatherhood Academy launched College and Career Prep module and is recruiting for its **Spring 2025 GED cohort**. Fathers and expectant fathers between 18-30 years old receive the following educational and support services: 16 weeks of GED preparation in a hybrid setting (2 days remote, 1 day in person on campus), parenting and men's group, case management, employment and college readiness, and stipends. **Apply here:** <https://cewdbbcc.com/cuny-fatherhood-academy/>.

Maternal Health and DONA Doula Training launched its **sixth cohort**. **Twenty-five (25) CUNY Health and Human Service degree students** were provided full scholarships by CUNY to participate. Students will be prepared to begin the process of becoming a doula upon completion of the program. Upon successful completion of the training, students will receive a CUNY Certificate of Completion in Maternal Health and DONA Certificates of Completion in *Introduction to Childbirth for Doulas*, *Lactation Support Education*, and *DONA International Birth Doula Training*. **The subsequent training launches in May, and students can register here:** <https://ce.cuny.edu/kbcc/courseDisplay.cfm?schID=126206>

The first **Post-Partum Doula** training will launch in July 2025. A collaboration of experienced doulas will facilitate this 21-hour program. Students will learn how to support families as they navigate the early stages of parenthood, ensuring they feel informed, supported, and confident in their new roles. Applicants can sign up for the interest list

here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScrAzVZ9IRA93fbHoBRsx0NTmBJqxM-TN8poj5K0MpTbxTqiA/viewform>

The **Direct Service Professional/Community Habilitation Specialist (DSP/Com Hab)** training was launched **with 38 students**. This 30-hour training prepares students to support intellectually and developmentally neurodivergent individuals in a home or agency setting. Students will learn how to provide personal assistance, emotional support, while gaining the foundational knowledge necessary to succeed in a DSP/Com Hab role. They will meet with employers and learn about different organizations and professional opportunities.

ESL/HSE/SNAP Venture & CLIP Program

We are happy to announce the continuing success of the **WIOA-funded Contextualized ESL/Food Handlers Certificate Training Program**, which received a *Highly Proficient*

rating from the **NYS Education Department** National Reporting System Report Card. **Congratulations** to the dedicated staff and hard-working students!

Reflecting the trend of increasing enrolment in ESL, HSE, and other programs, in addition to four daytime sections and two evening sections of the CUNY Language Immersion Program (CLIP), the program also offered another section of Pre-CLIP for the Winter'25 semester. **Pre-CLIP is for those students who have been accepted to CUNY but do not have the basic speaking, reading, and writing skills required to begin the CUNY Language Immersion Program.** It provides the necessary additional support before the students register for the CLIP program, where students will then be able to study up to four additional semesters of intensive academic English preparation to meet the demands and challenges of college coursework.

For more information about the ESL/Food Handlers Certificate Training Program, Pre-CLIP and CLIP, in addition to other programs, including the Kingsborough English Language Institute's **ESL-70** program, the High School Equivalency **HSE-70**, and Alternative HSE Preparation (AHSEP) program, **Diploma Now**, and the **Venture V for SNAP Participants** program, please refer inquiries to the **ESL/HSE/SNAP** Program Office, at (718) 368-4870 or visit our **Virtual Office**: Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (use Zoom meeting ID: 857 4347 7610); <https://zoom.us/j/85743477610> Passcode: 667012.

Winter 2025 Catalog

The **Winter 2025 catalog** is available. Look for new, revised, and existing course and program offerings here: <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html>. For more information, please call (718) 368-5050 or contact us via email at conted@kbcc.cuny.edu.