

Dear Campus Community,

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

Grant Proposals and Awards

We were **awarded a \$600,000 grant from CUNY** for a **contextualized healthcare training** program. Building off of our 2024 CUNY English Language for Work training program, this new program will prepare students for careers as **Home Health Aides** and **Direct Support Professionals**. With more older adults and people with disabilities choosing home-based care, there is a growing demand for these healthcare workers in NYC.

The **Education Design Lab (EDL)** awarded the division a **\$50,000 grant** to develop an **IT-focused micro pathway**. Since 2020, EDL has awarded over **\$100K** to create **3 micro pathway programs: Health Coach, User Experience Design, and Customer Service**. We are thankful for EDL's continued support and are excited to begin another project.

The division **submitted a \$50,000 proposal** for **new welding equipment and supplies to the American Welding Society's Workforce Training Grant program**. In 2023, we worked with the **Maritime Technology** department to develop a welding workforce training program. Since then, **we have launched 3 cohorts, serving 50 students**. If awarded, the funds will allow us to purchase supplies and replace old welding equipment damaged during Superstorm Sandy.

Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning

The **Center** hosted two volunteer **workshops: Time Management** and **Internship Orientation** serving 35 students. In addition, we **visited over 20 classes** to introduce the center's services to students. **Faculty members interested in the staff visiting their classes can** contact Marisa Joseph (marisa.joseph@kbcc.cuny.edu) to coordinate a date and time.

Please encourage students to attend the **Dress for Success Boutique** in the Cove from **April 1st-April 3rd** to purchase professional clothing for the **Job and internship Fair on April 9th**. The Center will also host workshops to prepare students for conversations with potential employers. Details for these events (and more) can be found on **Linktree: <https://linktr.ee/kcccareer>**.

The **virtual front desk hours** are Mondays from 10:00am-12:00pm and 2:00pm-4:00pm here: <https://zoom.us/my/kcccareer>. **Evening hours will be available on April 7th, April 28th, May 12th, and June 2nd**. Students may also visit Room C-102, call (718) 368-5115, or contact us via email at career.development@kbcc.cuny.edu

Community Farm & Garden

NEW COURSE: Learn How to Grow Plants Using Hydroponics Through Hands-On Experience. The course will cover essential hydroponic skills, including building, maintaining, and troubleshooting systems, as well as essential plant health, propagation, and harvesting. Students will be introduced to various hydroponic growing systems and the hydroponic industry and provided with skills to enter the workforce. Students who complete the program will earn

the [Kingsborough Hydroponics Workforce Training](#) micro credential (digital badge). No experience necessary to take the course.

The **Community Farm and Garden** is open and **volunteer days/hours**: Mondays 2:00-5:00pm, Tuesdays 2:00-5:00pm, Wednesdays 9:00-11:00am, Thursdays 9:00-11:00am and 2:00-5:00pm, and Fridays 2:00-5:00pm. **Vegetable distribution** will resume in April/May, weather permitting. **18 work-study students** are working on the farm this spring, and we look forward to welcoming more this summer.

For faculty questions, research, and collaborations, or to request a class bed for Spring, please contact **Dr. Shannon Caravello** at Shannon.Caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu. For updates, follow **KCC_CFG** on Instagram.

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

Workforce Trainings

The division facilitated another globally recognized **American Hotel and Lodging Educational Institution (AHLEI) certification program** in collaboration with **CAMBA**. The program consists of 48 hours of learning: NYSED WIOA-IELCE Hospitality & Tourism in Golden Opportunities (4 hours), Making Connections (4 hours), and Certified Restaurant Server (40 hours). It trained **60 students** in three cohorts.

From **Cannabis to Cuisine** started its final cohort on March 6th, **enrolling nearly 300 students** throughout the 2-year program. Since January 2025, the career counselor has placed alumni **with industry partner, The Travel Agency**, for retail and inventory positions, set to open in April. In addition, all current students will be able to celebrate their program completion in June 2025 with celebrity **Chef Miguel Trinidad**, owner of multiple **Michelin-rated restaurants, including Marie's in Bushwick**. The **Culinary Cannabis team** is also partnering with **Cannabis NYC** to host an on-campus event on June 11th for their **Lift Off tour; stay tuned!**

We partnered with the **Maritime Technology program** and launched a new pathway into the **Welding program** with **15 students**. This free 15-week training is utilizing the **American Welding Society Fundamentals**. As a result, students will learn stick (SMAW), MIG (GMAW), and TIG (TMAW) welding techniques, which will prepare them to take and pass the **American Welding Society's 3G Welders Certification** and provide them with **college credits upon completion** of the program. The division tabled at the **Brooklyn Navy Yard Labor Union & Apprenticeship Career Fair** on March 19th to promote the **KCC & Seafarers International Union Pre-Apprenticeship**, the **KCC Maritime Technician Apprenticeship**, and other **Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technology programs**. As a result, **57 attendees applied** to our programs or signed up to be placed on our waiting lists. For more information, click here: <https://cewdkbcc.com/>

Applications are open for the **Clinical Medical Assistant** and **Central Sterile Processing Technician Scholarships**, which are funded by the Cabrini Foundation. Selections will be made

by the first week of April. For more information about the scholarship, please call (718) 368-5052.

CUNY Fatherhood Academy completed its 10th cohort with 5 students on March 13th and started the 19th HSE cohort with 14 students enrolled in Bootcamp and 12 actively attending. We also completed the first Alumni Encore group and will continue working with the testing office to increase student test-taking outcomes. **Please refer 18-30-year-old fathers and expectant fathers to apply here:** <https://cewdkbcc.com/cuny-fatherhood-academy/application-sessions/>

The **Winter 2025 Maternal Health and DONA Doula** training concluded on March 10th. **20 students completed and received DONA certifications**, which allow them to continue their educational and career goals towards becoming a doula. Doula students from this cohort and previous cohorts were also allowed to participate in additional training, including how to become a Medicaid provider and additional childbirth doula training offered by community partners. The Doula program assistant, **Denise Jacobs**, organized and made these opportunities available to students. The next cohort is scheduled to begin **on May 7th. Applicants can complete the registration process here:** <https://ce.cuny.edu/kbcc/courseDisplay.cfm?schID=126206>

NEW COURSE: The first **Postpartum Doula** training **starts July 7th**. Applicants can [sign up for the interest list here](#), and when registration opens up, they will receive the link to apply. This **21-hour training is the first at Kingsborough and CUNY**. It will prepare students to **support families** as they navigate the **early stages of parenthood**, ensuring they feel **informed, supported, and confident** in their new roles.

Thirty (30) students completed the **Direct Support Professional/Community Habilitation (DSP/Com Hab)** training on March 6. They learned about the history of disability services in NYS, core competencies, and the code of ethics for DSPs. **Topics included: abuse prevention, incident reporting, people-first language, and other necessary information for becoming an effective DSP/Com Hab professional.** Students met with employer partners upon completing training and were provided opportunities to apply for field jobs.

Nineteen (19) students completed the **Community Health Worker** training in partnership with **NYU Langone**. Students participated in four courses: Critical Issues in Community Health, Community Health Worker/CPR, Concepts of Wellness and Community Health Interventions, **taught by the Community Health faculty. Students will receive** employment readiness support and job placement assistance from NYU and are eligible to apply to Kingsborough and enter the Community Health degree program with **up to 12 college credits**.

Cypress Hills Satellite offered a beginner **ESL class to 20 students**, and enrollment will continue to increase as student interest grows. For more information, please email **Angela King** at angela.king@kbcc.cuny.edu.

ESL/HSE/SNAP Venture & CLIP Program

Twenty-four (24) - almost 100 percent of the winter 2025 **ESL/Food Handlers Certificate Training Program** cohort – achieved the National Restaurant Association’s ServSafe credential in March 2025.

As **CUNY Language Immersion Program** winter 2025 semester graduates transition to Kingsborough College, and the spring 2025 CLIP program’s day and evening classes commence, we note that the Pre-CLIP program is also at full capacity. However, those interested in developing their English language skills may still contact the office to register for the Kingsborough English Language Institute’s **Full-Time Intensive ESL-70** program, which begins its **10-week spring session on April 7**. All students, including F-1 visa holders, can contact the office to receive the registration link.

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, 9:30am – 4:30pm (use Zoom meeting ID: 857 4347 7610); <https://zoom.us/j/85743477610> Passcode: 667012.

Spring 2025 Catalog

The **Spring 2025 catalog** is available. You can find 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 email us at conted@kbcc.cuny.edu.