

Campus Update- Workforce Development, Continuing Education & Strategic Partnerships November 2021

Hello Colleagues,

Please see the highlights from the Division of Workforce Development and Continuing Education. Hope everyone is staying safe and healthy.

Grant Announcement

In collaboration with the Maritime Department, we received **\$1.5M in Funding for Offshore Wind Training Program**. See announcement

here: <https://brooklyneagle.com/articles/2021/10/27/kingsborough-community-college-receives-1-5m-in-funding-for-offshore-wind-training-program/>

Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning

The Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning will host its last recruitment fair of the semester on Thursday, November 18. The event will host 3 employers: New York State Department of Civil Service, Center for Human Development and Family Services (CHDFS), and the New York State Police. Please encourage your students to complete the interest form for this event here: <https://bit.ly/KCCNovRecruitment>.

Information sessions will also be held with MediaMKRS, AT&T, and the US Secret Service where students can learn about available opportunities. Please visit the office's website for details about these and additional upcoming events hosted by the Career

Center: <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/career/index.html>.

The Brooklyn Navy Yard (BNY) hired three (3) interns this past summer to work at businesses on the yard and were compensated for eight (8) weeks. The Center will continue to partner with BNY for upcoming spring and summer internships. Opportunities are expected to be available in the areas of business, marketing, engineering, architecture and communications. Please be on the lookout for information to share with your students in the coming weeks.

The virtual front desk will continue to be available Monday-Friday from 10:00am-12:00pm and Monday & Tuesday from 2:00pm-4:00pm here: <https://zoom.us/my/kcccareer>. Staff are also available in Room C-102 for students who want to visit in person.

Program Updates

The *Academic/ESL Program* recently submitted a proposal for the Venture V for SNAP Participants Program, successor to KCC's successful SNAP E&T Venture IV Program, which recently concluded in September 2021. The proposed Program will provide support for low-income adult learners in our local community; adults and eligible youth ages 18 to 24 who are Supplemental Nutrition Assistant Program (SNAP) applicants and recipients, including those also receiving Safety Net Assistance (SNA), will receive the ABE/HSE/ESL education, vocational training and ongoing case management and counseling support that they need to enter the workforce by finding employment offering a living wage and clearly defined career pathways.

Thirty-three (33) students successfully participated/completed career exploration courses offered asynchronously in partnership with the *Administration for Children's Services (ACS)*. Students residing in ACS facilities participated in Emerging Trends in Healthcare, The Business of Music and Introduction to Entrepreneurship in an effort to learn more about career pathways and college enrollment. Students received certificates from Kingsborough Community College and are encouraged to apply to KCC upon completion of their HS diploma/HSE studies. The Business of Music course (VSE90) will be offered to the public through Continuing Education beginning on November 8 (10 weeks, \$125). Apply [here](#) or call (718) 368-5050.

CUNY Fatherhood Academy Cohort 12 began with 19 students enrolled. We are now recruiting for College and Career Prep (CCP). Students in CCP receive assistance with college enrollment and financial aid, career and college exploration, job application, resume writing, interviewing skills and professionalism, work experience through internships and workshops on parenthood topics such as parenthood, health and financial literacy, incentives and earn up to 2 college credits applicable towards their transcript when they apply to Kingsborough. Prospective applicants can [apply here](#).

Job Corps Scholars will be recruiting for Winter 2022. Applicants who have their HS diploma/HSE can apply for Continuing Education courses in health, business and technology at no cost. They will also receive wrap around supportive services to support personal, academic and professional goals. Students receive assistance with entering employment, enrolling into college and/or apprenticeships. [Learn more and apply here](#).

DesignWorks UX Design training will begin in January. This six-month training provides five User Experience Design courses at no cost to students who are 18+ years old, legally eligible to work in the US and reside in NYC. Students will learn about visual design, human centered design, coding for designers, entrepreneurship and take a capstone class, where they will work with real clients. Students will receive employment readiness services, job placement assistance, paid internships and college enrollment support. Applicants can [apply here](#).

Strengthening Community Colleges (SCC) Comp TIA program will launch in January. This FREE online training course will cover the fundamentals of PC hardware & software and prepare students for an entry level position in Information Technology. Applicants must be 18+, have a HS diploma/HSE and be legally eligible to work in the US. Learn more and [apply here](#).

The ***UX Microcredential*** course funded by the ***Education Design Lab*** started on October 18. This training program prepares students who are interested in User Experience Design to create a case study for their UX Portfolio. Students learn visual design and human centered design, work in groups to complete a final team project and earn a badge in Intercultural Fluency (21st century skill) and a badge in UX Design. We are recruiting for the winter 2022 cohort. Interested applicants must be 18+, have a HS diploma/HSE and legally eligible to work in the US. [Learn more and apply here](#).

Mental Health Professionals (social workers and mental health counselors) licensed in NYS need CE hours for licensure. Kingsborough is offering brand new CE courses including: Concrete Rose Affect: Using Hip-Hop Therapy Techniques to Connect with Black

Male Youth (November 11, 6:30-9:30pm), Cultural Sensitivity: What I Didn't Know That I Didn't Know (November 18, 6:30-9:30pm), Addressing the Medically Fragile's Mental Health Post-Covid-19 (January 7, 12-2pm) and What's in your Backpack? A 2-part series about increasing our comfort, fluency and capacity to have courageous and generative conversations about race and racism (January 23 and 30, 10:00am-3:00pm). Learn more [here](#) and register by calling (718) 368-5050.

Community Farm and Garden

The farm began offering service learning opportunities for two (2) students and will continue to work with the Center for Career Development to work with additional students in the Spring semester. Two (2) Leon Goldstein High School classes come to the farm on a weekly basis to plant lettuce and radishes and maintain a bed as part of their science courses. Many parts of the garden has been cleared of weeds, with just a few sections remaining with the opportunity to collaborate with the volunteers to plant garlic as well as potatoes.

The volunteer days will continue in November from 10:00am-1:00pm. For more information, please email Shannon Caravello at CFG.KCC@kbcc.cuny.edu.

Personnel/Student Accomplishment

We congratulate *Manoucheka Arecius, a Job Corp Scholar*, who officially won the Charles A. Burns Award for Outstanding Adult Continuing Education Student award from the Continuing Education Association of New York- Region South and statewide for a total of \$2,000 in scholarship funds. This award recognizes and supports adult students who have achieved excellence by demonstrating persistence, drive and success in overcoming obstacles to achieve their educational goals. The statewide winner is invited to accept the award at the annual conference scheduled November 17-19 in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Additionally, we are pleased to announce that Hillary Stackpole, coordinator of our UX DesignWorks program, was selected as the Outstanding New Continuing Education Professional. This award recognizes individuals who have 3 common qualities- innovation, quality and effectiveness and have made a substantial contribution to adult or continuing education.

Winter 2022 Open House

We hosted two successful open house events in August that highlighted the course and program offerings with over 80 registered in the sessions. Register for the upcoming open house: November 30 at 12 noon: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bRD6BJpMS12_MvEEdaWZlg or November 30 at 6:00pm: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YTnyPGohSQa2t63Ojw0htA

Be sure to attend the open house and receive an exclusive code to get the \$25 registration fee waived.

Zoom Virtual Front Desk (<https://zoom.us/j/2151731780> (Monday–Friday, 10:00am–12:00pm and 1:00-3:00pm); Phone: 718-368-5050, or Email:conted@kbcc.cuny.edu. For more details regarding course offerings, please click here: <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html>.

Should you have any any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you.

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