

Dear Campus Community,

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

### **Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning**

The **Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning** is still accepting new and/or gently used **professional attire** for Kingsborough students. Please drop off your donations to Room C-102.

We are still developing the **spring calendar**. If you are interested in collaborating with the center, please email Marisa Joseph at [marisa.joseph@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto: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](mailto:career.development@kbcc.cuny.edu).

### **Community Farm & Garden**

The **Community Farm and Garden** is open, and **volunteer days** will begin on March 10. The hours are: Mondays 2:00-5:00pm, Tuesdays 2:00-5:00pm, Wednesdays 9:00am-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.

For **students** who are interested in **Work Study** or **Service Learning** email [CFG.KCC@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:CFG.KCC@kbcc.cuny.edu)

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](mailto: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](https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/cewd/urban_farm/index.html)

### **Grant Proposals**

The division submitted **two proposals** to the CUNY Workforce Development Grant program through the New York State Workforce Development Initiative. The first program, **Contextualized ESL for Healthcare Workers**, will provide English language instruction alongside healthcare industry trainings (Home Health Aide and Direct Support Professional). This program builds on our highly successful CUNY English Language for Work Initiative program that concluded last year. The second program, **Artificial Intelligence for UX**

**Designers**, will combine our UX Design program with a class in Artificial Intelligence. Students will learn how to ethically use AI concepts and programs as collaborators in UX Design. By the end of the program, students will have developed custom UX AI apps and tools using ChatGPT.

### **Workforce Trainings**

**ConEdison Clean Energy Academy Weatherization Program** – this **free training program** will provide participants with career exploration and technical training in **Weatherization** methods and techniques to launch a career in making buildings more energy efficient to help achieve New York's climate goals. The program will start on March 26th, prospective students can **apply here**:

[https://kccjobcorps.formstack.com/forms/kcc\\_con\\_ed\\_clean\\_energy\\_academy](https://kccjobcorps.formstack.com/forms/kcc_con_ed_clean_energy_academy)

**Welding Program with AWS Certification** training program, with a hands-on approach, will utilize the **Fundamentals of Welding Curriculum provided by the American Welding Society (AWS)**. Participants will gain a comprehensive overview of the basic principles of welding including safety, symbols, and also be trained in Stick (SMAW), TIG (GTAW), and MIG (GMAW) welding techniques. Students will be able to train and test for the AWS 3G Welding Certification as a result of participating in this training program. They will receive a variety of supportive wrap-around services. The next cohort will start on March 11th. **Applicants can sign up**

**here:** [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSefl0Bkv4t\\_i8vWNLW\\_6DiLzP8LQ5BklQ\\_H5i-p7KRSK2TKSxw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSefl0Bkv4t_i8vWNLW_6DiLzP8LQ5BklQ_H5i-p7KRSK2TKSxw/viewform)

To receive updates on either of these programs, please contact **Vanessa Fantauzzi** via email at [Vanessa.Fantauzzi@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:Vanessa.Fantauzzi@kbcc.cuny.edu)

**Construction classes** - Check out **NEW OSHA and SST classes** being offered in person this spring: <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/construction-trades.html>

**CUNY Fatherhood Academy**, started its initial pilot of the Alumni Encore program, an intensive tutoring program for Alumni to encourage retesting for the GED. Currently recruiting for our upcoming HSE cohort is set to begin on March 11th. Applicants can sign up here: <http://bit.ly/CFAKBCC>

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>

### **ESL/HSE/SNAP Venture & CLIP Program**

The T231 Program Office is pleased to advise that **57 students who graduated from the CUNY Language Immersion Program (CLIP)** in the Winter 2025 semester, registered

during the College advisement event on February 21, to matriculate into credit programs at Kingsborough.

Additionally, in its fourth year of operation, the **Venture V for SNAP Participants** program continues providing essential services and individualized counseling to assist eligible SNAP recipients in increasing their employment skills and obtaining jobs. In FY 2024, dedicated Venture V staff worked closely with program participants to develop nearly 120 customized career plans, resulting in training and educational opportunities, and the placement of almost a quarter of participants in jobs leading to long-term employment and economic security.

The program is currently accepting registrants, and the KCC college community is invited to refer potential participants who may benefit from the education and training opportunities provided by the program to the Academic/ESL Program Office for evaluation of eligibility and registration. Please contact the program coordinator, **Tatyana Rabotneva**, job development specialist **Lenora Asanova**, or the Academic/ESL Program Office for further information.

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.

### **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](mailto:conted@kbcc.cuny.edu).