We want to share some updates regarding our work within the division.

**Microcredentialing Projects**

Two (2) high-growth and high-wage job titles were identified: User Experience (UX) Design and Care Coordination as part of the work with Education Design Lab and NY Jobs CEO Council. In collaboration with the Graphic Arts department, UX Design microcredential will be made up of two courses (originally developed for the US Department of Labor-funded CUNY Tech Works program), independent projects and portfolio development. Also, working with the KCC Community Health Program and Maimonides Medical Center, we have identified four potential courses to make up the Care Coordination microcredential. Upon completion of instruction, students in both tracks will enter paid internships with local employers including Accenture, Amazon, IBM, and Maimonides Medical Center. These programs will begin enrolling UX Design students in the summer and Care Coordination students early 2022.

The **Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning** had over 1,900 student contacts in the Fall/Winter, including student inquiries, appointments, events and workshops. The office assisted 34 students with their internship search and confirmed that 6 of those students obtained an internship, to date.

The Center continues to host career events open to all students and alumni. In April, they will host Recruitment Week during the week of April 19 that will allow students to meet with employers one-on-one regarding available employment opportunities. Please refer students to careerdevelopment@kbcc.cuny.edu to express interest in participating in this event.

The Center has also formed a partnership with **The Forage**, which is an online resource that offers virtual experience programs designed by leading companies. Students can develop skills and gain a real understanding of different roles and industries by working through these self-paced modules, with tasks similar to traditional internships. We encourage you to visit the site to learn more here: [https://www.theforage.com/landing/kbcc/Zi4HTTZarYT4wgmPA/kbcc](https://www.theforage.com/landing/kbcc/Zi4HTTZarYT4wgmPA/kbcc)

**Program Updates**

We recently received a letter of commendation from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance following the January 2021 audit of the **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment & Training Venture IV Program (SNAP E&T Venture IV)**.

Also, submitted a proposal for a one-year extension (for FY’22), of its very successful **Strides to Success** contextualized **Free ESL/Food Handlers Training and Certification Program**. We are in the final stages of submitting an additional five-year grant proposal for the next phase of the Program, **Strides to Continuing Success**, for which the City of New York Human Resources
Administration/Department of Social Services (HRA) have been pleased to provide a letter of support for our program.

The CUNY Language Immersion Program (CLIP) transitioned 45-50 students to KCC college programs from the Winter 2021 semester; about half of the CLIP graduates were placed in ENG 12 or non-remediation classes which creates a faster path towards the completion of their college degree without using their Financial Aid. Click here for more information about CLIP and other program offerings.

The division continues to support its numerous and diverse program offerings, and invites all prospective students and guests to attend a program session on April 5-6, 2:00-5:00 pm. Program staff will provide information about the Kingsborough English Language Institute (KELI) ESL programs, and HSE and Diploma Now, SNAP Training and Certification and Free ESL Adult Literacy programs. Please contact the office at (718) 368-4870 or join the sessions here: ESL HSE SNAP PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSIONS APRIL 5-6 2PM-5PM (Zoom Meeting ID: 992 1754 9249).

This winter, the part-time High School Equivalency program ran 4 sections in English totaling 136 students and 2 sections in Spanish with 53 students. The part-time ESL program ran all 8 levels within 3 sections totaling 74 students.

Hybrid and remote healthcare courses continued with classroom instruction delivered via Blackboard, Zoom, on campus labs, and off-site clinicals. Healthcare programs running this semester include Clinical Medial Assistant, EKG/ECG Technician, Phlebotomy Technician, Pharmacy Technician Intensive, Medical Billing & Coding Specialist, Certified Nurse Aide Intensive, and Central Sterile Technician totaling 178 students enrolled to date.

New and exciting developments in the healthcare program include partnering with NYC Health & Hospitals (HHC) to offer unique training opportunities for the students; securing eight (8) new clinical training sites, and developing curriculum for a Home Health Aide (HHA) program to be proposed this summer.

The College Experience started four years ago in partnership with the Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) in order to inspire and motivate people throughout Brooklyn to change their lives through education. During these experiences, library patrons and adult learners participate in sessions to learn more about college admissions. Events are coordinated with the BPL staff, KCC admissions and staff/faculty. Our faculty present 20-minute lectures and introduce their departments.

This semester, the series will run three (3) times for different groups of adult learners. The first event took place on Friday, March 19. A full class of learners were present and eager to learn about all the opportunities that Kingsborough has to offer. The lecture was presented by Chef Robert Ramsey on how to make salad dressings and discussed the Culinary Arts program.
The next two events are scheduled on April 23 and May 21 at 4:00pm and hope to recruit new students and help our Brooklyn neighbors improve their life through education. For more information, please contact Anna Geller at anna.geller@kbcc.cuny.edu.

The Taxi training program is authorized by the Taxi & Limousine Commission of New York City, the only CUNY provider. Approximately 200 to 400 TLC applicants apply for a TLC Driver License each month. Upon successful completion of the courses, applicants are eligible to sit for the TLC licensure exam. Since the beginning of this year, we have served approximately 130 applicants in total (in English and Russian).

CUNY Fatherhood Academy successfully completed the College and Career Prep program and two participants have successfully enrolled at the College for the spring semester. We are recruiting for the Spring HSE/TASC cohort. Please have interested applicants (18-30 year old fathers/expectant fathers) sign up for more information here.

Job Corps Scholars is starting in April. Applicants who are 18-24 years old who have their HS Diploma/HSE/TASC can take courses in Health, Business and Trade, and then receive support around college enrollment and job placement. The program is provided live online and is free. Interested applicants can sign up for an information here.

DesignWorks UX training begins in April. Applicants who are over 18 and have their HS diploma/HSE/TASC can attend an information session to learn more about this free program. The program is offered live online and includes an entrepreneurship module, employment placement assistance and college enrollment support.

Social Workers and Mental Health Counselors “Assessments and Interventions to Address and Prevent Violence in the Family and Community” (earn 7 CE hours, Cost: $140) will be offered on Sunday, April 11 from 9:00am-5:00pm, facilitated by Veronica McHugh and Caroline Hallmark from KCC's Mental Health and Human Services program.

“Introduction to Motivational Interviewing for Mental Health Professionals, Two Part Series” (Earn 11 CE hours, Cost: $220) will be offered on Sunday, May 23 from 9:00am-5:00pm and Sunday, June 6 from 9:30am-1:30pm facilitated by Dr. Jose Nanin from KCC's Community Health Program.

Grants and Awards
In March, the division submitted a proposal for the NYS Offshore Wind Training Institute - Workforce Training & Skills Development solicitation in response to the NYSERDA PON in partnership with New York City College of Technology proposing the CUNY Career Pathways in Offshore Wind (CCPOW), a program to build CUNY’s capacity to provide high-level educational and training programs for jobs in the Offshore Wind (OSW) supply chain industry.

Urban Farm Reimagining Committee
The Urban Farm Reimagining Committee met to finalize the short-and-long term goals of the Farm and have officially submitted a final report, which includes the Committee’s recommendations to the President for review and approval.
**Personnel**

On March 24, Alissa Levine, Director of Workforce Development Programs, graduated from CORO's Workforce System Leadership Program (WSLP). CORO WSLP prepares senior leaders to respond to the "changing workforce development landscape, drive innovative practices and improve service delivery for low-income NYC residents seeking employment and career advancement opportunities". Read more about the program [here](#). Ms. Levine will apply this valuable experience to her work within the division.

**Spring 2021 Course Catalog**

We are still accepting registration for the Spring 2021 semester. For more details, click here: [https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html](https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html). Contact information: Zoom Virtual Front Desk ([https://zoom.us/j/2151731780](https://zoom.us/j/2151731780) (Monday–Friday, 10:00am–12:00pm and 1:00-3:00pm); Phone: 718-368-5050/5052, or Email: conted@kbcc.cuny.edu).

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Please continue to stay healthy and safe.

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