

Dear Campus Community,

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

Grant Proposals and Awards

The **Aging Mastery Program**, managed by **Susan Lavin**, was awarded **\$10,000 from Councilmember Joann Ariola of District 32 and \$5,000 from Councilmember Justin Brannan of District 47**. The National Council on Aging, in collaboration with Kingsborough, offers the Aging Mastery Program for **free to participants age 50 and older**. The 10-class program is based on the National Aging Mastery Program AMP curriculum, designed to offer participants the skills and tools needed to achieve measurable improvements in managing health, remaining economically secure, and contributing actively in society. **For more information, please contact email: Susan.Lavin@kbcc.cuny.edu.**

Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning

The **Center for Career Development & Experiential Learning** will accept new and gently used **professional attire** to help students prepare for interviews, internships, and careers until **Friday, September 19th**. Please drop off your donations to Room C-102.

Faculty members can request career workshops by completing [this form](#). Since sessions are booked based on staff availability, please submit your request at least two weeks before the desired date.

Please note that the **Fall Job & Internship Fair** will take place on **Wednesday, October 15th**, from **11:00am to 2:00pm** in **Room U219/220**. Please visit the Center's Linktree for details regarding our upcoming fall events: <https://linktr.ee/kcccareer>.

Virtual front desk hours are on Mondays from 10:00 am-12:00pm and 2:00-4:00pm: <https://zoom.us/my/kcccareer>. **Students may also visit Room C-102, call (718) 368-5115, or email career.development@kbcc.cuny.edu.**

Community Farm & Garden

The **Community Farm and Garden 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 take place on Tuesdays from 11:00 am -1:00 pm in the Breezeway (students are prioritized, and faculty and staff may pick up towards the end; please bring a reusable bag).

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

Workforce Trainings

On August 11, **twenty-eight (28) Maternal Health/DONA Birth Doula** and Postpartum doula students out of the 125+ who have completed training since Fall 2024 **celebrated on campus with friends, family members, and special guests**. Guest speakers included **Councilmember Mercedes Narcisse; President Suri Duitch; Amanda Spence of the NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene; and Shawnee Benton Gibson, co-founder and CEO of the Spirit of a Woman Leadership Development Institute and the ARIAH Foundation**. Benton Gibson's advocacy for Black maternal health is featured in the award-winning documentary "Aftershock." Community Partners, including organizations such as the **Caribbean Women's Health Association, Brooklyn Perinatal Network, and the Citywide Doula Initiative**, provided information to program graduates.

****Registration is open for the next birth doula training, beginning September 29th. Limited partial scholarships and payment plans are available. Visit ce.cuny.edu/kbcc/courseDisplay.cfm?schID=133178 for more information.**

On August 26th, **CUNY Fatherhood Academy's** 20th GED cohort kicked off. **Seventeen (17) students were invited to attend this cohort**, and 11 accepted a spot in the program. The program promotes responsible parenting and economic stability for unemployed and underemployed young fathers through education, employment, and personal development. Fathers in the GED/HSE program will receive 16 weeks of academic classes live online via Zoom and in person on campus. Students will prepare for the HSE exam, explore academic and professional pathways, receive employment readiness support, including job application support, resume writing, interviewing skills, and professionalism, participate in workshops on parenthood topics such as health and financial literacy, and receive help connecting with job training and employment opportunities. **Contact (718) 368-6784 or apply for the spring GED information sessions here: <http://cewdkbcc.com/cuny-fatherhood-academy/application-sessions/>**

Kingsborough is a **New York State-approved Real Estate Course provider**. If you are a real estate agent interested in preparing for the Real Estate Broker Licensing Exam, **sign up for our course beginning on October 20th:**

<https://ce.cuny.edu/kbcc/courseDisplay.cfm?schID=133121>. We are also offering a one-day Real Estate Ethics Course on November 7th: <https://ce.cuny.edu/kbcc/courseDisplay.cfm?schID=133122>

In partnership with **STRIVE**, we facilitated a customized **Electronic Health Records Specialist program for 21 students**. Students who completed the training participated in a graduation ceremony and are currently testing with the National Healthcareer Association to earn their E.H.R. credentials. Another cohort is scheduled to begin in September.

In partnership with **Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow**, we completed another **Pharmacy Technician program with 28 students** who are now preparing for the National Healthcareer Association ExCPT exam. Additional programs are scheduled to be offered this Fall.

In collaboration with **New Jewish Home SkillSpring**, we trained **18 students to be Certified Nurse Assistants (CNA)**. Students are completing their clinical skills rotation and will be scheduled to take their New York State Prometric exam at Kingsborough thereafter.

The **second ConEd-sponsored Weatherization & Clean Energy Academy Training started on August 26th**. This free six-week training program focuses on **Weatherization, Clean Energy, and Core Construction**, offering NCCER certifications, stipends, MetroCards, and other supportive wrap-around services to students. Additionally, the second **Non-Credit to Credit Introduction to Welding program** started on August 26th. This free 15-week-long training utilizes the American Welding Society Fundamentals and the Maritime Department curriculum. Participants will receive a variety of supportive and wrap-around services, including free PPE, safety equipment, welding equipment, and Metro cards for the students. We are still accepting applicants for the 16-week-long KCC and **Seafarers International Union (SIU) Pre-Apprenticeship program**. We assist with the application, offer a stipend, and cover the cost to travel to Piney Point, Maryland, and for the training. To receive updates or more information on this program, please contact Maria.Gelman@kbcc.cuny.edu.

The CUNY Offshore Wind (OSW) Advisory Network invites you to attend the Excelsior Generation Pathways to Careers Information Session, *Funded by Vineyard Wind*.

Join us for an informative and engaging panel discussion introducing the **Excelsior Generation Pathways to OSW Careers Presentation**, a workforce initiative designed to prepare the next generation for careers in the rapidly growing offshore wind industry.



Date: Friday, September 26th



Time: 9:30am-1:30pm, light breakfast and full lunch are included



Location: Kingsborough Community College, MAC Rotunda



RSVP by 9/19/25 here: <https://forms.gle/Z9451B9KgLqpKQcq9>

ESL/HSE/SNAP Venture & CLIP Program

The Program supported 75 students to exit the Summer 2025 CLIP ESL program and completed Accuplacer testing at the end of the summer semester. Almost 100 percent, including 14 students who achieved placement in English 12 or English 12/ALP, have matriculated to KCC for the Fall semester. Congratulations to the Summer 2025 CLIP cohort!

Registration is now open for the fall semester. New students are invited to contact the office for registration and orientation information for the ESL and HSE programs, WIOA **Adult Literacy IELCE** (Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education), and the **ESL/Food Handlers** certificate training programs.

For more information about program offerings, please call (718) 368-4870, or visit the **Virtual Office**: Monday-Thursday, 9:30am – 4:30pm (use Zoom meeting ID: 857 4347 7610; Passcode: 667012) <https://zoom.us/j/85743477610>.

Fall 2025 Catalog

The **Fall 2025 catalog** is available, and registration is ongoing for classes this fall. You can find new, revised, and existing course and program offerings here:

<https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html>. To learn more about our programs, see this [video](#).

Additionally, we are currently recruiting students for a variety of NO-COST programs and scholarship opportunities for programs scheduled to begin soon! For more information, please click on each program here: [No-Cost Pharmacy Technician Program](#), [Free Introduction to Gaming Operations](#), [Free ESL & Home Health Aide Program](#), and [Free ESL & Direct Support Professional Program](#).

For more information, please call (718) 368-5050 or email us at conted@kbcc.cuny.edu.