

Dear Campus Community,

Please find below updates and highlights regarding our work within the division for April 2026.

### **Grant Proposals and Awards**

The **Brooklyn Borough President's Office** invited us to be part of their proposal to the **NYS Department of Agriculture and Market's Workforce Development Grants Program**. If awarded, we will develop and deliver a **soil and hydroponic farming training** that will support urban farming and green economy endeavors in New York City. We are honored by the invitation and are excited for the opportunity to work with the Brooklyn Borough President's Office.

### **Community Farm & Garden**

The **Community Farm and Garden** has resumed operations and volunteer days, weather permitting, this month. Hours will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 2:00 to 5:00pm. **Vegetable distribution is expected to resume in mid to late May 2026.**

For **faculty inquiries, research, collaborations**, or to request a class bed for spring 2026, please contact **Dr. Shannon Caravello** at [Shannon.Caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:Shannon.Caravello@kbcc.cuny.edu). For updates, follow [@KCC\\_CFG](https://www.instagram.com/kcc_cfg) on **Instagram**.

### **Workforce Trainings**

On April 8th, we met with **Boscalis, an offshore wind developer**, to establish an **Offshore Wind Maritime Construction Consortium** that will help NYC residents earn certificates and micro-credentials. The goal will be to provide students with a clear path to quickly and efficiently obtain the credentials needed to join the offshore maritime construction workforce in New York City.

On April 22nd, we tabled at the **NYCEDC Maritime and Aviation Career Awareness Fair** at the **Brooklyn Cruise Terminal**. The event drew more than 500 high school students, generating interest, encouraging enrollment in a variety of training programs and opportunities for soon-to-be graduates, connecting with new employer partners, and strengthening existing partnerships. Our program was featured and quoted in the press release, available here: <https://edc.nyc/press-release/nycedc-hosts-seventh-annual-maritime-aviation-career-awareness-fair-nyc-students>

**Two Maternal Health and DONA Doula trainings** started this month, with **79 new doula students** enrolled. Upon successful completion of the training, students will receive a CUNY Certificate of Completion in Maternal Health and DONA Certificates of Completion in "Introduction to Childbirth for Doulas," "Lactation Support Education," and "DONA International Birth Doula Training." For more information about the two programs, please use the following links: [Doula Training Interest Form](#) and [Postpartum Training Interest Form](#).

KCC continues its partnership with **Queens South High School** by providing continuing education workshops for **mental health professionals**. Topics include Assessments and Interventions to Address and Prevent Violence and Motivational Interviewing. Attendees will earn up to **6 hours of CE Credit applicable toward their Social Work and Mental Health Counseling licenses**. KCC is an approved provider of CE for Social Work and Mental Health Counseling.

Are you an **LMSW, LCSW, or LMHC** interested in proposing and leading a **Continuing Education workshop** for fellow mental health professionals? Contact Alissa Levine for more information ([Alissa.Levine@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:Alissa.Levine@kbcc.cuny.edu)).

In collaboration with **JPMorgan Chase**, we are hosting a series of free **Financial Literacy workshops**; there are two more sessions. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/4pkcrbau>.

The **NYC Small Business Services Healthcare Accelerator Training Program**: In partnership with NYC Small Business Services (SBS), Kingsborough is offering its second year of **healthcare training at no cost** to eligible applicants. Applicants must meet certain **eligibility requirements** including: a NYC resident, 18 or older, authorized to work in the U.S., compliant with Selective Service (if applicable), possess a high school diploma or HSE, have basic computer skills, have an annual income under \$62,000 (if employed), and provide documentation for all eligibility criteria.

Programs include:

- Certified Medical Administrative Assistant
- Certified Nurse Aide
- Phlebotomy Technician
- Patient Care Technician
- Electronic Health Records
- EKG/ECG Technician Program
- Pharmacy Technician
- Central Sterile Technician
- Maternal Health and DONA Doula Training
- Community Health Worker
- Direct Support Professional

**[Interested applicants can apply HERE](#)**

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

Students in the current **Winter/Spring 2026** cohort of the **Strides to Continuing Success ESL/Food Handlers Training Program** recently completed testing for the National Restaurant Association **ServSafe Certificate** and are in the process of completing the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene **Food Handlers Certification**. Ninety-five percent (95%) of the cohort who completed testing have achieved the ServSafe qualification, which can open the door to many well-paid culinary jobs in the Food Services sector.

Successful completion of the Food Handlers program also enables students to **transfer up to seven credits toward an A.A.S degree in the Tourism and Hospitality Department** (either in Culinary Arts or in Tourism and Hospitality – Food and Beverage Concentration).

For more information about our many program offerings, including the **ESL/Food Handlers Certificate Training Program, Venture V for SNAP Participants, Pre-CLIP, CUNY Language Immersion Program (CLIP), Kingsborough English Language Institute's ESL-70 program**; and the **High School Equivalency HSE-70, and Alternative HSE Preparation (AHSEP) program, Diploma Now**, 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; Passcode: 667012) <https://zoom.us/j/85743477610>

## **Spring 2026 Catalog**

The **Spring 2026 Catalog** is available. You can explore new, revised, and existing course and program offerings at <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/ce/courses.html>.

Additionally, we are recruiting students for a variety of **NO-COST programs and scholarship opportunities** for programs scheduled to begin soon! Please share!

**[No-Cost Pharmacy Technician Program](#)**

**[Free ESL & Home Health Aide Program](#)**

**[Free ESL & Direct Support Professional Program](#)**

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