

Dear Campus Community,

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

Grant Proposals and Awards

The **50+ Wellness and Art of Aging Programs** received commendation from local districts, securing **\$10,000 from District 32 Council Member Joann Ariola** and **\$5,000 from District 47 Council Member Kayla Santosuosso**. The Art of Aging Program, tailored for individuals 50 and older, equips participants with the skills and tools to promote overall wellness. Throughout the year, participants will engage in a diverse array of innovative courses and workshops.

Community Farm & Garden

The **Community Farm and Garden** is accepting **volunteers** on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 2:00 to 4:30 pm. **Student vegetable distribution** of produce and plants (tomatoes, peppers, etc.) is available in the Breezeway through August 19, 12:00-2:00pm. Please bring a reusable bag.

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. For updates, follow **@KCC_CFG** on **Instagram**.

Workforce Training Programs

Health and Human Services

Through the **1199 SEIU Training Fund's Career Pathways Training Program**, we facilitated **2 cohorts of 40 students** in a customized **Pharmacy Technician** training program. Students received 105 hours of instruction, lecture review sessions, and dedicated class sessions for NHA CPhT exam preparation.

The **Maternal Health and DONA Doula Training** program is **recruiting for Fall 2026**. Students will gain the knowledge and skills to begin a **career in maternal health** while advancing **birth equity**. They will be prepared to provide culturally responsive support to birthing individuals across diverse communities, improving birth experiences and addressing disparities in maternal health outcomes. Students will develop the core competencies needed to work as Birth Doulas in a variety of settings and receive information on the requirements for **DONA International Birth Doula Certification**, preparing them to make a meaningful impact on maternal health and birth outcomes. Payment plans and limited partial scholarships are available here:

- **Register Here:** [MATERNAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE WITH DONA DOULA TRAINING - Kingsborough CC Conted](#)
- **Scholarship Applications:** [Apply Here](#)
- **CUNY Nursing Students Enroll for Only \$25:** <https://forms.gle/Gaq9HdCxWQuj4DFi6>

The next **Postpartum Doula** training will be offered again in **fall 2026**. Students will gain the skills to guide and support families during the postpartum period, fostering confidence, promoting well-being, and helping parents and newborns get off to a strong start. Apply here: [POSTPARTUM DOULA TRAINING - Kingsborough CC Conted](#)

In partnership with **CAMBA**, we provided **Home Health Aide (HHA)** training to 14 students and Accounting & QuickBooks training, including National Association of Certified Public Bookkeepers (NACBP) testing, to 18 students.

Are you an **LMSW, LCSW, or LMHC interested in proposing and leading a Continuing Education workshop** for fellow mental health professionals?

Please contact Alissa.Levine@kbcc.cuny.edu

Renewable Energy Programs

We successfully completed the training requirements for the **Bridges to Offshore Wind Training** program, made possible by generous funding from the Ecosystem Fund provided by **Empire Wind** and the **NYC Economic Development Corporation**. Led by Kingsborough, the **CUNY Offshore Wind Advisory Network (OWAN)**, a consortium of CUNY schools including **LaGuardia Community College, College of Staten Island, and New York City College of Technology**, delivered the training to the public. From the program's launch in March 2024 through its completion in June 2026, this free program trained approximately **2,000 New York City residents, exceeding the original enrollment goal of 560 participants by 357%**. The training was offered across all five boroughs at several dozen community partner and organization host sites, including community justice centers, NYC Public Libraries, workforce development organizations, other colleges, and more. Approximately **95% of program participants** were from **environmental justice and disadvantaged communities**, reflecting the program's commitment to advancing equitable access to emerging clean energy career opportunities.

We completed the 2nd and 3rd cohorts of **Bridges to Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technology (REST)** Training programs with **East Side Settlement House** at the Mott Haven Community Center in the Bronx and the **Cypress Hills Community Center** in Brooklyn. Funded by the **Department of Labor's Office of Just Energy Transition**, the training covers a wide range of **renewable energy and sustainable sectors**, including the history, science, technologies, job opportunities, and training opportunities available to participants in each sector. The training also provides participants with a dedicated career navigation specialist and wraparound supportive services, including Metro Cards and lunch. Some students will be eligible to apply for scholarships for advanced training opportunities. For more information on the program or to share the opportunity with your network, please fill out the following form:

<https://forms.gle/bPx9vGGwqzbH42DRA>

CUNY Fatherhood Academy

The **CUNY Fatherhood Academy** held its acknowledgment ceremony on June 25th, during which **six (6) students completed** the program, and one earned a **High School Equivalency diploma**. The Academy also participated in the **Good Plus Foundation's** annual **Daddy Summer Stroll** at Prospect Park. Lastly, Kymel Yard, program director, spoke at Father's Day by L Ade Williams, as part of the **Imhotep Gary Byrd radio show on WBLS 107.5, Wake Up Everybody**, alongside Real Dads Network Founder Derek Phillips to showcase the program's support for all fathers.

Professional Programs

AI for Professionals: As workplaces continue to evolve with emerging technologies, a new workforce initiative is helping professionals prepare for an AI-driven future. In collaboration with

the **Education Design Lab (EDL)**, a new course titled **AI for Professionals: AI Essentials & Future of Work** is set to launch this fall. This program is designed for learners from all backgrounds and offers **practical, hands-on experience with artificial intelligence**. Participants will develop skills in AI literacy, prompt engineering, generative AI tools, and chatbot development. With an emphasis on responsible innovation and workplace applications, attendees will gain future-ready skills to enhance productivity, streamline workflows, and integrate AI into their daily professional activities.

For those interested in learning more or joining the waitlist, please click this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/k4tkhDWqXC?origin=lprLink>

Continuing Education Classes

We organized a 16-hour **Sewing for Beginners** course for **Good Shepherd Services**, in which 16 registered students learned the fundamentals of sewing machine operation and completed two sewing projects. In collaboration with **Kingsborough's Fashion Program, Professors Michael Palladino and Katharine Nareski**, along with Karolina Bizik, Director of Continuing Education, invited the **high school students to attend the KCC Spring Fashion Show** on campus. The students eagerly participated and thoroughly enjoyed the experience, which sparked their interest in enrolling in Kingsborough's Fashion Program.

A second cohort of **41 students** completed the **"Introduction to Gaming Operations"** program at **Resorts World New York**. Karolina Bizik also joined Resorts World and other key New York City partners for **QUEENS RISING**, a multidisciplinary arts and culture celebration. Details on a third cohort planned for the upcoming semester will follow.

Due to increased community interest, we collaborated with **Kingsborough's Art Department** to reinstate the **Drawing and Ceramics courses**. Further details on fall semester scheduling will follow.

ESL/HSE/SNAP Venture & CLIP Program

The **ESL/HSE/SNAP** Programs are continuing their collaboration with our **Workforce1 partners**, recently facilitating a workshop with our evening **Adult Literacy Free ESL** program to provide information on employment preparation and current job openings.

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 contact the **ESL/HSE/SNAP** Program Office, at (718) 368-4870 or visit our **Virtual Office**: Monday-Friday, 9:30am to 4:30pm (use Zoom meeting ID: 857 4347 7610; Passcode: 667012) <https://zoom.us/j/85743477610>.

The **Contextualized ESOL for Health Care** in **Direct Support Professional (DSP)** or **Home Health Aide (HHA)** certificate alongside an **ESOL for Health Care certificate** application is still open. Participants must be English Language Learners, 18+, and eligible to work in the U.S. If interested, please complete the application here: <https://tinyurl.com/eslhckcc>.

Fall 2026 Catalog

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

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