

College Overview

Queensborough Community College, City University of New York, is dedicated to academic excellence and the development of the whole individual in an environment that promotes intellectual inquiry, global awareness, and lifelong active learning.

Committed equally to open-admission access for all learners and to academic excellence within an environment of diversity, Queensborough emphasizes the integration of academic and support services with a focused attention to pedagogy. The College offers associate degrees and certificate programs that prepare students for careers and for transfer to four-year institutions.

Queensborough provides a rich general education core aimed at enhancing students' critical thinking and decision making skills, utilizing effective learning strategies. Queensborough values the diversity of its members and strives to individualize the college experience through meaningful collaboration among students, faculty, and staff.

To help ensure excellence in teaching and learning, Queensborough engages in on-going assessment, promotes research on community college pedagogy, and supports scholarly accomplishments and professional advancement.

- In Fall 2008, there were 11,798 degree students enrolled of whom 7,270 (61.6%) were full-time students. The curricula with the highest enrollment are Liberal Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, and Nursing-pre Clinical.
- An additional 1,948 students were non-degree. The majority of this latter group were high school students who are part of the College Now program, which enrolls high school students in college courses. Another 10,000 participate in Continuing Education programs.
- Queensborough is a very diverse campus with students from over 129 countries. The majority live in Queens. 46% speak a language other than English at home.
- Queensborough is an open admissions campus; more than half of the incoming freshmen require at least one remedial course. In AY06-07, 5,525 students received Pell grants.
- The six-year graduation rate from Queensborough for the Fall '02 cohort is 26.2%. QCC students usually go on to another CUNY senior college such as Queens College and Baruch College, but also enroll in non-CUNY colleges i.e. SUNY Stony Brook and Binghamton; private colleges i.e. NYU, Columbia, St. John's, and Cooper Union.
- In AY 07-08, there were 1,258 graduates. The curricula with the most degrees were Liberal Arts and Sciences, 389, Business Administration, 243, and Nursing, 139.
- 58% of the 304 full-time faculty at Queensborough have earned doctoral degrees. Twenty-six percent (26%) have terminal degrees in such fields as nursing and engineering.
- 52% of the instruction is by full-time faculty. The student-faculty ratio was 17.5 in Fall 2007.
- Student learning at Queensborough is supported by learning communities, honors courses, student research programs, a service learning project, and required writing intensive courses.
- Pedagogy is enhanced by E-portfolio, Blackboard, the Campus Learning Center, the Writing Center, and CETL, the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, which promotes understanding and research of teaching methodology.