

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 Baccalaureate degree programs.

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. (*Excerpt from the QCC mission statement: <http://www.qcc.cuny.edu/about/mission.html>*)

- The Fall 2012 student enrollment was 15,711 students out of which 14,092 were degree and certificate seeking students. Sixty-six percent of the degree and certificate seeking students were enrolled full-time. The curricula with the highest enrollments were Liberal Arts and Sciences (A.A.), Business Administration (A.S.), Criminal Justice (A.S.), Health Sciences (A.S.), and Liberal Arts and Sciences (Mathematics & Science) (A.S.).
- A total of 1,619 students were non-degree. The majority of this group were high school students who were part of the College Now program, which enrolls high school students in college courses.
- Queensborough is a very diverse campus with students from 139 countries. The majority live in Queens. Thirty-eight percent report speaking a language other than English at home.
- Queensborough is an open-admissions campus; over seventy percent of the incoming freshmen require at least one remedial course. In the academic year 2011-12, 69 percent of all first-time full-time freshmen and 49 percent of all degree students received Pell grants.
- The six-year graduation rate for the Fall '06 cohort is 25.3% from Queensborough with an additional 8.7 % that graduated elsewhere in CUNY or outside CUNY. This brings the overall six year graduation rate to 34%. QCC students usually go on to another CUNY senior college such as Queens College and Baruch College, but also enroll in non-CUNY colleges e.g. SUNY Stony Brook, SUNY Binghamton, Adelphi, Cornell, NYU, and St. John's.
- QCC graduated 1,751 students in the academic year 2011-12. The curricula with the most degrees were Liberal Arts and Sciences (644), Business Administration (297), and Nursing (122).
- Fifty-five percent of the full-time faculty at Queensborough have earned doctoral degrees. Another 19 percent have terminal degrees in such fields as nursing, engineering, and the performing and fine arts.
- Student learning at Queensborough is supported by the Academies, the academic support centers, learning communities, honors courses, student research programs, service learning projects, E-portfolio, SWIG, required writing intensive courses, and the common intellectual experience.