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.

Student learning at Queensborough is supported by the Queensborough Academies, the academic support centers, learning communities, academic service learning projects, collaborative assignments and projects, common intellectual experiences, undergraduate research projects, global and diversity learning, required writing intensive courses, and honors courses.

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 2014 student enrollment was 16,182 students out of which 14,197 were degree and certificate seeking students. Sixty-seven 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 1,985 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-seven 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 2013-14, 76 percent of all first-time full-time freshmen and 53 percent of all degree students received some form of financial grant aid.

- The six-year graduation rate for the Fall ’08 cohort was 27% from Queensborough with an additional 9.5% that graduated elsewhere in CUNY or outside CUNY. This brings the overall six year graduation rate to 36.5%. 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, Long Island University, NYU, and St. John’s.

- QCC graduated 1,973 students in the academic year 2013-14. The curricula with the most degrees were Liberal Arts and Sciences (686), Business Administration (315), and Criminal Justice (158).

- Fifty-seven 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 visual arts.