FRESHMAN ENROLLMENT GUIDE

LAGUARDIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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**First day of classes is Monday, March 7, 2011!**
If you have questions, email `callcenter@lagcc.cuny.edu` or call the Admissions Office at (718) 482-7206.

LaGuardia Community College is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all college community members. Information regarding campus security and personal safety, including topics such as, crime prevention, public safety authority, crime reporting policies and crime statistics for the most recent three year period and disciplinary procedures, is available from the Public Safety Department at 31-10 Thomson Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11101, (718) 482-5559.
ENROLLMENT INFORMATION FOR FRESHMEN

Now That I’ve Applied, What’s Next?
Read the information carefully and follow all five steps for successful enrollment!

☐ STEP 1: Submit Required Documents

All freshmen must submit proof of immunization and demonstrate successful completion of a high school education with transcripts and a high school diploma and/or a GED. There are no exemptions from these requirements.

- Immunization Policy: New York Public Health Law requires all students born on or after January 1, 1957 to present proof of immunity against Measles, Mumps and Rubella. You must present proof that you have had two doses of Measles and one each for Mumps and Rubella. Vaccination against Meningococcal Meningitis disease is not mandatory but you must sign a declaration form (Meningitis Response Form), this applies to all students regardless of date of birth.

Students can call 311 to find out the location of NYC Department of Health clinics that provide vaccines free of charge. Call LaGuardia’s LaGuardia’s Health Services Center at (718) 482-5280 for more information on immunizations and vaccines. Hand in or mail your Immunization Records to:

LaGuardia Community College
Health Services Center
31-10 Thomson Avenue
Room MB-40
Long Island City, NY 11101
Or fax them to: (718) 609-2016

- Final Transcripts and Diplomas: You must submit your final, official transcripts and your original high school diploma or GED to the Office of Admissions Services. High school seniors may be allowed to register prior to graduation, but you must present a diploma before the start of classes to avoid cancellation of your registration. College Now participants and/or students who have taken college-level courses must send an official transcript of those courses to the Office of Admission Services so that an evaluation of transfer credit can be completed.

LaGuardia Community College
Office of Admissions Services
31-10 Thomson Avenue, Room M147
Long Island City, NY 11101

Contact Admissions Services for more information: (718) 482-7206 or visit them on the web:
http://www.laguardia.edu/admission/before_apply.aspx

☐ STEP 2: Take Your Placement Tests

All students are required to provide test results or prove exemptions from placement in remedial courses. Placement tests and other proficiency exams are used to place you in the appropriate courses for your major. You can demonstrate that you meet the University’s skills requirement based on your SAT, ACT, or NY State Regents test scores. Students who hold a bachelor’s degree are exempt from skills testing, however, bachelor degree holders who have been educated in a language other than English will be required to test in Reading and Writing only. For more information on testing, read the section on University Testing Policies and Procedures in the online College catalog: http://www.laguardia.edu/catalog.

- Placement Testing: All students must meet CUNY’s reading, writing and math skills requirements. You can demonstrate your competency in these areas with your SAT, ACT, or NY State Regents test scores, or you may take the appropriate assessment test offered by LaGuardia’s Testing Office. If testing is needed you will receive a Testing Appointment in the mail. Rescheduling your Testing Appointment will delay your registration. If you must reschedule please email the Office of Testing at: testingservices@lagcc.cuny.edu

- Ability to Benefit from Testing (ATB): New York State Law requires minimum test scores in reading, pre-algebra and writing from all students who earned a high school diploma or its equivalent outside the U.S. and who plan to apply for financial aid through the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). Review test preparation materials for reading and pre-algebra on the web: www.cuny.edu/testing. For help with the writing test and to learn more about who is required to test, please email the Office of Testing at: testingservices@lagcc.cuny.edu.

- CUNY Proficiency Exam (CPE): All students who are pursuing an undergraduate degree (associate or bachelor’s) at a CUNY college must take the CUNY Proficiency Exam (CPE) before they graduate. Only students holding a bachelor’s or higher degree from an accredited college or university are exempt from this requirement. You must present your degree when applying for admission. Please consult the College’s catalog and your academic advisor to get more information about this graduation requirement.
STEP 3: Apply for Financial Aid

LaGuardia offers a variety of federal, state, city and institutional financial assistance programs to help qualified students meet their educational costs. You should apply for financial aid at least four weeks before you register for classes. For more information, visit: www.laguardia.cuny.edu/sfs.

- **Federal Programs:** You must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be eligible for federal student aid, including programs such as Pell Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Federal Work-Study, and Federal Perkins and Direct Loans—a low interest rate loan program. Complete the form online at: www.fafsa.ed.gov. Use LaGuardia Community College School Code 010051. Stop by our Student Financial Services Resource Center, located in C-109 for help with filling out the FAFSA.

- **Academic Competitiveness Grants (ACG):**
  ACG is awarded in addition to a Federal Pell Grant. An eligible student may receive an ACG of up to $750 for the first academic year of study and up to $1,300 for the second academic year of study. To be eligible you must:
  - Complete the FAFSA application and answer the qualifying questions to identify you as a potential ACG recipient
  - Be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
  - Be a Federal Pell Grant recipient
  - Be enrolled in at least half-time in a degree program
  - Be enrolled in the first or second year of study at a two-year degree-granting institution
  - Have completed a rigorous high school program

- **New York State Programs:** Eligible students are advised to apply for the programs listed below using the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and Aid for Part-Time Study (APTS) applications. When you complete the FAFSA online you may also link to the TAP application online. The LaGuardia School Code for TAP is 1403. When you file the TAP application, you will be considered for the following:
  - Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)
  - Aid for Part-Time Study (APTS)
  - Part-Time TAP (PTAP)
  - Child of Veteran Award
  - Child of Deceased Police Officer/Firefighter
  - College Discovery
  - Vietnam Veterans Tuition Award

For more information about New York State aid programs, please visit: http://www.hesc.com

- **Scholarships:** The College offers several scholarships, which require you to demonstrate excellent academic progress, community service, and/or financial need. At http://web.laguardia.edu/sfs/inst.scholar.aspx you can read about and apply to:
  - LaGuardia Foundation Scholarships
  - National Science Foundation Scholarships
  - Faculty Council Scholarships

You can also research external scholarships at http://web.laguardia.edu/sfs/scholarship.aspx or visit the Student Financial Services Resources Center (C-109) or the Career and Transfer Center (C-261) to conduct your search.
STEP 4: Advisement and Registration

Once your placement test results are available, and you have submitted the commitment deposit, you will receive an invitation to attend orientation where you will meet with an Advisor to discuss your major and select and register for your classes for the semester. This is a critical step in the enrollment process so make sure to carefully follow the instructions you receive. Your Advisor can tell you about LaGuardia’s many special programs that can help you set and reach educational, career and self-development goals, including:

- **Learning Communities:** As a new student at LaGuardia you are encouraged to join a learning community in your first-year, becoming part of a cluster of students whose classes are linked around a common academic theme. In these communities students explore a subject from different perspectives - for example, through science, literature, history, philosophy, sociology, psychology and film. Learning community students share classes and study with the same small group of faculty, forming bonds that often last throughout your LaGuardia experience and beyond. Students who join a learning community in their first year succeed at a higher rate than students who do not. For more information on learning communities, visit: [http://www.laguardia.edu/lc/](http://www.laguardia.edu/lc/).

- **First Year Institute (FYI):** Depending on the results of your placement tests, you may be offered the opportunity to take free pre-freshman courses in reading, writing, math or English as a Second Language before you begin your first semester at the college. Take these tests as soon as possible if you think you will need additional help in these areas. If you qualify for an FYI course you will be mailed information about the program after we receive your test results.

- **College Discovery:** College Discovery is a CUNY program for students who need academic and financial support in order to succeed in community college. This program provides concentrated and specialized counseling, supplemental instruction, tutorial services and a financial aid stipend. All CD students are required to participate in the College’s First Year Institute. Contact College Discovery: [http://www.laguardia.edu/edu/cd](http://www.laguardia.edu/edu/cd) (718) 482-5270, C-249.

- **College Opportunity to Prepare for Employment (COPE) Program:** The COPE program provides support services to students receiving public assistance, as well as students who are not on public assistance, but have dependent children and meet certain economic criteria. You can get help registering, finding tutoring and advising services, receive job placement assistance, and fulfill your workfare obligations. To find out if you are eligible, visit the COPE Office in M-B13 or call (718) 482-5479.

- **Veterans Services:** As a veteran, you are entitled from 6 to 16 college credits based on the length of your active service, military training, employment or life experience. For more information on the Credit for Learning Program call (718) 482-5232, check the website, [www.laguardia.cuny.edu/cpl](http://www.laguardia.cuny.edu/cpl), or send an email to cpl@lagcc.cuny.edu. Through the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), you may earn from 3 to 12 college credits toward a college degree for each CLEP exam taken, depending on the exam subject and the policy of the college or university. LaGuardia accepts up to 30 CLEP credits. To register for the CLEP exams, visit [http://www.peopleware.net/ace](http://www.peopleware.net/ace) or call 718-482-7244. For veterans educational benefits certification including VA Work Study, Tutoring and Vocational Rehabilitation benefits contact Stanley Rumph at (718) 482-5191 or visit him in C107. The Veterans Faculty Advisor is C. Jason Smith in E103S (718) 482-5649 or at jsmith@lagcc.cuny.edu. Contact the Veteran Services Office in Room C371 (or at 718-482-5386 or [www.lagcc.cuny.edu/veterans](http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu/veterans)) for information on free evening refresher classes for veterans, the Student Veterans Club, GI educational benefits counseling, college admissions, retention, and referral services.

- **Employment Services Center:** The Employment Services Center (ESC) provides a variety of services to students and graduates of the college, including: Referrals to full-time and part-time employment through our online networking system (College Central Network), and workshops on job
Out-of-NY City/State Residents without a valid certificate of residence and Foreign Student Tuition:

Full-time Matriculated Students
(Per tuition unit No maximum cap)................. $210.00

Part-time Matriculated Students
(Per tuition unit)................................. $210.00

Non-degree Students
(Per tuition unit No maximum cap)............ $280.00

Fees for Full-time Matriculated and Nondegree Students:

Consolidated Services Fee for all full-time....... $ 15.00
Student Activity Fee................................ $ 55.00
Technology Fee..................................... $100.00
Senate Fee.......................................... $    .85

Fees for Part-time Matriculated and Nondegree Students:

Consolidated Services Fee for all part-time..... $ 15.00
Student Activity Fee.............................. $ 20.85
Technology Fee..................................... $ 50.00

Other Fees
Late Registration Fee............................. $  25.00
Change of Program Fee........................... $  18.00
Commitment Fee..................................... $100.00

All fees and tuition charges listed are subject to change by action of the University’s Board of Trustees without prior notice. In the event of any increase in tuition or fees, payments already made to the college will be treated as partial payments and notification will be given of the additional amount due to the time and method for payment. All fees and tuition charges are payable by cash, check, money order and credit card. The College accepts MASTERCARD, DISCOVER Card, and AMERICAN EXPRESS by utilizing your CUNY Portal account online. Credit cards will no longer be accepted at the Bursar Window, Room MB55, for payment of tuition.

STEP 5: Pay Your Tuition

After registering for classes, print a copy of your official bill/class confirmation from the Registration menu on the website. If you have a balance due on your bill, you may pay it online or at the Bursar’s window located in room MB-55. Please be sure to keep your mailing information up-to-date, so that you can receive pertinent information from LaGuardia about your registration records.

LaGuardia Community College Schedule of Tuition and Fees Spring 2011:

New York City/State Resident Tuition:

New York State residents who are not New York City residents must obtain a B-81 Form (Certificate of Residency) from their County Clerk’s Office prior to registration.

Full-time Matriculated Students
(12 or more tuition units)............................$1,575.00

Part-time Matriculated Students
(Per tuition units to a maximum of $1,575)... $135.00

Non-degree Students
(Per tuition unit No maximum cap).............. $  180.00

Senior Citizen Matriculated and Nondegree
(60 and older/Per semester includes Consolidated Services Fee)......................... $    80.00

• Students with Disabilities:
  All persons with disabilities have the right to pursue their educational goals. The Office for Student Services and Disabled Students Programs can assist with advisement and registration, offer academic, career and personal counseling, and provide reasonable accommodations and supplemental services including Assistive Technology, tutors, note takers and testing accommodations to help you succeed in your educational goals. Participation is voluntary, however, you must provide documentation of your disability to be eligible. All information is kept confidential. Our office is in Shenker Hall (M)-102, or you can call (718) 482-5279, or visit our website: www.laguardia.edu/osd.

topics such as Employment Readiness Workshops, Interviewing Techniques counseling, resume Critiques, On-Campus Recruitment, Job Fairs and more. Visit: http://www.laguardia.edu/careerin to learn more.
**Payment Options:** Avoid long lines, pay your bill on time! Failure to settle your bill before the established due date will result in cancellation of your registration. Visit the Bursar’s website for more payment information: [http://www.laguardia.edu/business/Bursar_main.htm](http://www.laguardia.edu/business/Bursar_main.htm)

1. **Cash Payments:** Accepted only at the Bursar’s Window, which is located in MB-55.

2. **Check or Money Order Payments:** Payable to LaGuardia Community College accepted at the Bursar’s Window, or may be mailed to:

   LaGuardia Community College
   Office of the Bursar
   31-10 Thomson Avenue, Room MB-55
   Long Island City, NY 11101

   You may also place your check or money order in the “Quick Drop Box” located next to the Bursar window. Postage-paid envelopes are also available for your convenience.

3. **Web Payment:** Go to [www.LaGuardia.edu](http://www.LaGuardia.edu) via the CUNY Portal. We accept e-Checks, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover Cards only. There is a non-refundable processing fee of 2.65% charged when paying with your credit card in addition to your tuition and fees. This is the equivalent of $46.27 if you are charging full-time tuition and fees of $1,745.85. There is no fee when paying with an e-Check.

4. **Financial Aid and Scholarships:** If you have qualified to receive an estimated financial aid award or scholarship, this amount can be applied to all or part of your tuition and fees bill.

5. **TuitionPay Plan:** You may enroll in the interest-free monthly payment plan offered through Sallie Mae formerly known as Academic Management Service (AMS). Sallie Mae representatives are generally available on campus during registration periods. Check the Bursar’s website for schedules and locations. You may also contact Sallie Mae directly at 1-800-635-0120, or visit their website: [www.tuitionpay.com](http://www.tuitionpay.com)

6. **Third-Party Payment through your Employer or Sponsor:** Obtain a voucher or letter from your employer or sponsor and present it to the Bursar. This method of payment is acceptable only when the College is authorized to bill an employer or sponsor directly. Please note that employee reimbursement plans are not considered third-party.