Frequently Asked Questions
About LaGuardia Community College GED Programs

What is the GED?
The GED, sometimes referred to as high school equivalency diploma, is a set of tests that certify American high-school level academic skills. It is available for students who did not graduate from high school. For more information about the GED, visit the New York State GED website at http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/ged/. Some famous GED recipients are Bill Cosby, David Bowie, LL Cool J, Jessica Simpson, Michael J. Fox, and Chris Rock.

Does LaGuardia offer GED classes that can help me get ready for the exam?
Yes, LaGuardia offers many GED programs that serve the needs of different students, e.g., adults, out-of-school youth, Veterans, the Deaf and Hearing Impaired, and students with special work interests, such as in health care or business.

How do I know which LaGuardia GED program is right for me?
Visit LaGuardia’s “Which GED Program Is Right for Me?” page (link is: http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu/ace/gedinfo.aspx), or if you still have questions, speak representative at (718) 482-7244.

When do GED classes meet?
GED classes are offered in the daytime, evenings and on Saturdays, depending on the program. Many programs are intensive and require students attend between 9-16 hours per week of classroom time.

Is there a test to get into the GED classes?
Yes, all programs require an entrance test to make sure you are placed into the program that is right for you.

When will the next session of classes begin?
Classes usually begin in September, January, and March of each year. But some programs also have continuous admissions.

Where will classes be held?
LaGuardia Community College in Long Island City, NY.
The closest subway stops are:
- E or V trains to 23rd Street and Ely (or Queens Plaza)
- 7 train to 45th Road/Court House Square (or 33/Rawson Street)
- G train to Court Square (or Queens Plaza)
What is the cost of the program?
It depends. Many programs are free but can have long waiting lists. Some programs charge modest tuition. If you can pay tuition for a GED class, you can usually be guaranteed a seat in the next session.

How long will it take to earn my GED?
This depends on you and how much time and energy you devote to preparing for the GED and doing your schoolwork. Some students earn their GED after one session of classes, but others may take up to three sessions of study.

What happens once I get my GED?
Students in the GED Programs receive career counseling and college advisement while still in class. Once you get your GED, you can work closely with our counselors to apply to college or certification programs within your career of interest.

I am not sure what career I want to pursue after I earn my GED.
For more information about careers that are right for you visit: www.nycareerzone.org

I received my high school diploma in another country. Do I need to earn a GED?
It depends. We recommend that you have the official copy of your transcript from your home country translated and validated to see if you can start college classes. If you need more information about this call (718) 482-5000 or visit http://web.cuny.edu/admissions/undergraduate/outside.html

I only need to pass the math section of the GED. Can I join the program and only participate in the math class?
No. You must attend all classes, even for those sections of the GED you may have already passed.

I feel ready to take the GED test. What should I do?
You can apply to take the GED exam at the LaGuardia Adult Learning Center’s GED Testing Center. Information on GED testing can be found on its website at: http://www.gedalc.org/