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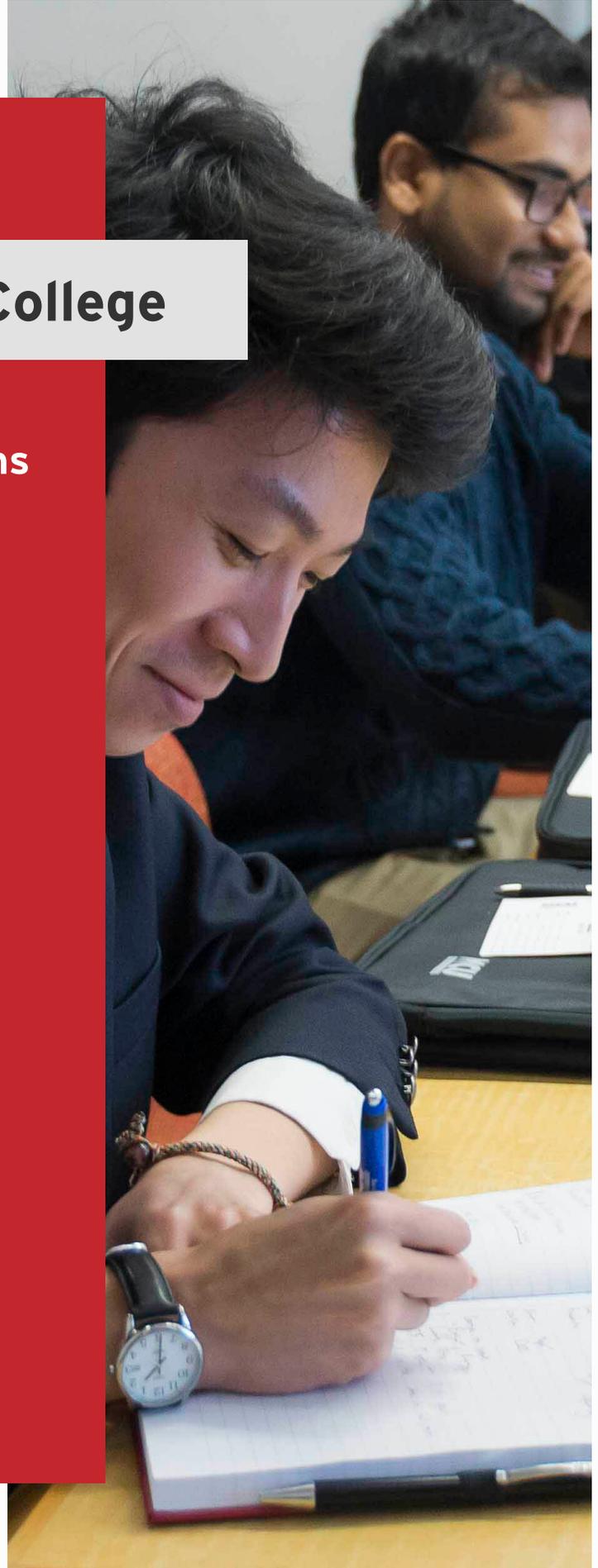


# LaGuardia Community College

## Leading the Effort to Get Queens Residents Back to Work

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in unprecedented economic hardship for many of the 2.3 million residents of Queens, including the students of LaGuardia Community College and their families. LaGuardia's Division of Adult & Continuing Education (ACE) is poised to help rebuild NYC's economy by providing opportunities for Queens residents to learn new skills, acquire industry-recognized credentials, and transition into well-paying career paths.

LaGuardia is leading this effort with a new scholarship fund for ACE students. The LaGuardia Community College Foundation is committed to helping hundreds of Queens residents get back to work through the ACE Scholarship Fund.



# LaGuardia's Long History of Providing Workforce Training, ESL & Pre-College Instruction

The ACE division trains over 15,000 individuals each year, providing high-quality accelerated workforce training, professional certificate training programs and small business assistance, as well as high school equivalency, adult basic skills, and NYC's largest English as a Second Language (ESL) programs. Adult Education and Pre-College programs also prepare local residents – especially immigrants and others whose native language is not English – to continue their education. Many of the College's students start out in ACE.

The average cost of a LaGuardia Certification course is \$1,600 – putting it beyond the reach of many unemployed, low-income Queens residents in need of the education and training required to re-enter the NYC workforce. The government does not currently provide any direct financial aid to students in non-credit workforce training programs.



## The ACE Scholarship Fund

The ACE Scholarship Fund of the LaGuardia Community College Foundation will open up access to a wide variety of pre-college, basic skills, and workforce training programs to low-wage workers who have lost jobs in the pandemic, young adults looking to break into the labor market, older workers in need of new skills, CUNY degree students and alumni looking for a competitive edge in a changing economy, and the diverse immigrant communities of Queens.

### The ACE Scholarship may be used to fund:

- A portion of ACE tuition for qualifying low-income students.
- First semester tuition for ACE alumni who matriculate into a LaGuardia degree program.
- Other education costs such as books, technology, tools, devices, uniforms, and exam fees.

### Students served:

- Must reside in the tristate area.
- Low-Income unemployed or under-employed individuals.
- Adults without a high school diploma.
- Low-wage workers who have lost jobs due to COVID-19.
- Minimum wage workers looking to switch to in-demand career paths.
- LaGuardia degree-seeking students and alumni who want to earn industry-recognized credentials.



## Programs of Focus

The ACE Scholarship Fund currently focuses on programs that lead directly to employment or college, meet the labor market needs of today's economy, and have a track record of success.

"The support of my instructor and classmates gave me the confidence to pursue my goals and dreams. In five years, I see myself leading a team that improves security and business continuity in Accenture."

- **Fabianna Rodriguez-Mercado**  
SOC Analyst (Cybersecurity)

"My instructor would always encourage not only me but all of his students to set our goals high, to be courageous, and to be persistent."

- **Maribel Coronel Alvarez**  
Certified Clinical Medical Assistant

### English Language/Pre-College

- The English Language Center (TELC)  
English as a Second Language
- High School Equivalency (HSE)

### Healthcare

- Certified Clinical Medical Assistant  
(Medical Terminology, EKG, and Phlebotomy)
- Certified Medical Administrative Assistant
- Pharmacy Technician
- Medical Coding

### Technology

- IT Support Specialist
- Network Technology
- SOC Analyst (Cybersecurity)
- Data Analytics: SQL, Python, and Tableau  
(Finance, Healthcare, Marketing)

### Operations

- Supply Chain and Logistics Management  
(Transportation, Airport Redevelopment)

### Electrical

- Electrical Level 1

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