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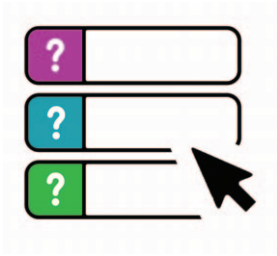

Hostos Community College's Division of Continuing Education & Workforce Development (CEWD) would like to learn more about your experience taking our classes and/or programs. To help us improve, we would like to know what you liked and did not about the classes and programs you took with us. This survey will take approximately 7 minutes to complete. Please note your responses will remain anonymous. We look forward to hearing from you.

Here is the link to the survey: https://forms.office.com/r/ArbipQzG7u

Student Spotlights

Jinnette Ramirez

In Summer 2022, Jinnette was awarded a Hostos Continuing Education & Workforce Development (CEWD) Recovery Hub Scholarship, which allowed her to enroll in our Certified Medical Administrative Assistant (MAA) program at no-cost to her. In August 2022, Jinnette obtained her MAA Certification. She returned to Hostos CEWD in April 2023 and successfully completed our Certified Billing and Coding Specialist and CPR/AED certificate programs.

With these three certifications, Jinnette started working simultaneously at the NYC Health & Hospitals and DocGo, a telehealth company primarily catering to asylum seekers. She is currently working as a patient administrator at DocGo. Hostos continues to play a crucial role in Jinnette's journey. To achieve her goal of becoming an MRI or ultrasound technician, she enrolled in the Radiologic Technology Degree Program at Hostos.

Seiaka Touray

Seiaka's pursuit of a career in healthcare is best described as a journey of resilience and determination. When he was a high school freshman, a life-altering accident put a sudden pause on Seiaka's education. However, after meeting the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) assigned to his surgery, he identity a new career pathway as a CRNA. Seiaka earned his GED® and began his educational journey.

While pursuing an associate's degree in Dietetics & Nutrition Science at CUNY's Bronx Community College, Seiaka enrolled in Hostos CEWD's Patient Care Technician (PCT) Certificate Program. He completed it in Spring 2023. Soon after, he was hired as a Patient Care Associate (PCA).

Seiaka also credits the PCT program with preparing him for his nursing coursework. "It's a great way to get exposure to the basics because the degree is very, very challenging." He is currently pursuing an Associate's Degree in Nursing at St. Paul's School of Nursing and anticipates graduating in Summer 2025. Seiaka remains focused on his long-term career goal—becoming a CRNA.

Included in our newsletter is CEWD's

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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The Division of Continuing Education & Workforce Development (CEWD) on pages 2-4!

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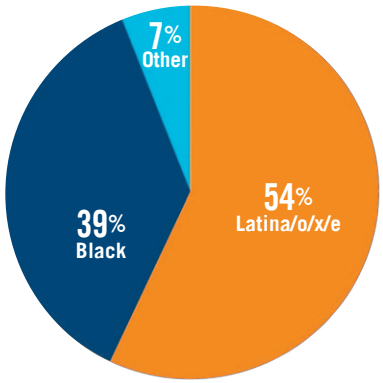
To sign up for a Virtual Information Session, visit **https://tinyurl.com/HostosCEWD**

CEWD Enrollment

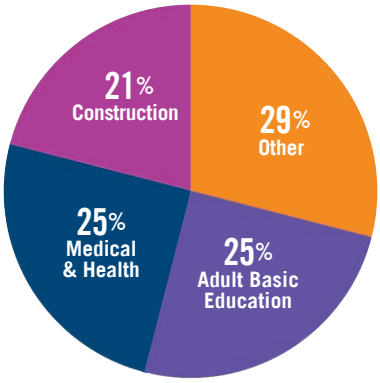
In Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, The Division of Continuing Education & Workforce Development (CEWD) enrolled 3,600. The majority of CEWD students identify as female (55%) and reside in the Bronx (69%). Of the 2,467 CEWD students who elected to share information about their race/ethnicity, the majority identified as Latina/o/x/e (54%) and Black (39%).

Eighty-two percent (82%) of our students successfully completed their training program. Students primarily enrolled in Medical and Health (25%), Adult Basic Education (25%)—GED® and English for Speakers of Other Languages—and Construction (21%) courses. Of the students who successfully completed a tuition-supported CEWD occupational training program in FY 2024, 91% reported being employed.

Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity



Enrollment by Training Program



Transitioning Students from CEWD to Hostos Degree Programs

CEWD alumni continue to enroll in Hostos degree programs. Since 2018, 458 CEWD alumni enrolled in a Hostos degree program. In Fall 2023, 37 CEWD alumni enrolled as first-time freshman at Hostos and 194 CEWD alumni were continuing Hostos degree students. In Spring 2024, 34 CEWD alumni enrolled as first-time freshman and 154 CEWD alumni were continuing Hostos degree students. Since 2018, 188 CEWD students graduated with a degree from Hostos.

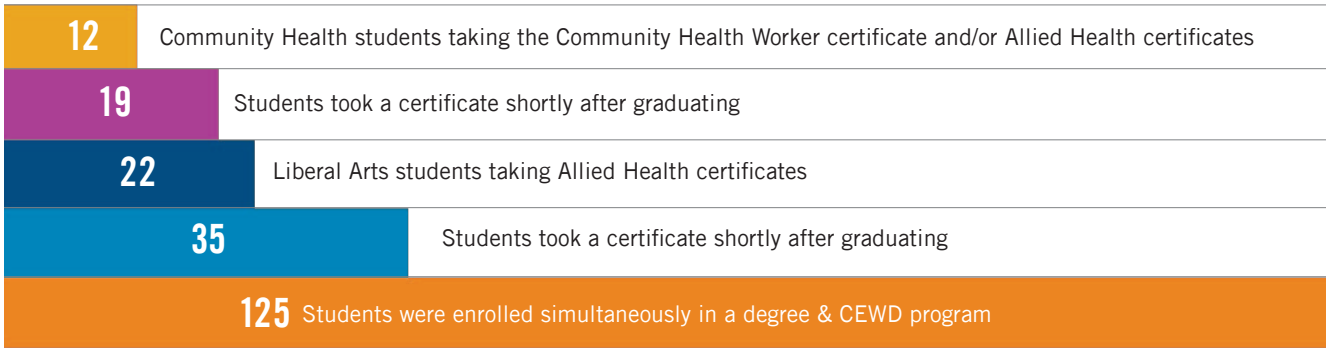
Credit for Prior Learning Helps Students' Matriculate and Graduate

To facilitate college matriculation and expedite a student's time to graduation, CEWD institutionalized credit for prior learning to support both CEWD alumni and Hostos degree students. Since August 2023, eighty-one (81) Hostos degree students have received college credits through credit for prior learning (CPL). Seventeen (17) of those students received CPL via existing CEWD/OAA credit articulation agreements. Since 2014, 154 Hostos degree students have received college credits via CPL.

Matriculated Hostos Degree Students also Complete CEWD Industry-Recognized Credentials

Since 2018, 144 students have engaged in a "crosswalk" between CEWD and degree programs (i.e., taking a CEWD certificate or training while being simultaneously enrolled in a degree program, or taking a certificate shortly after completing their degree).

Completed CEWD Industry-Recognized Credentials



CEWD Provides Scholarships to Alumni that Enroll in a Hostos Degree Program

FA 2023

6 CEWD alumni received a $1,000 first-time freshmen award

13 Returning students received a $500 retention award

SP 2024

7 CEWD alumni received the $1,000 award

13 Returning students received a $500 retention award

TOTALS

2 Mackenzie Scott ACE scholars graduated in June 2024

36 Students (to date) have received the scholarship

The Hostos Mackenzie Scott Adult and Continuing Education (ACE) scholarship continues to serve as an important resource for CEWD alumni that matriculate into a Hostos degree program. As part of the Hostos President's Initiatives for Student Success, the Hostos MacKenzie Scott Adult and Continuing Education (ACE) Scholarship program was established in 2022. It provides financial support to CEWD alumni that matriculate into a Hostos degree program and may be used for tuition, college application fees, books, transportation, and childcare.

CEWD alumni that matriculate into a Hostos degree program for the first-time are awarded a $1,000 scholarship. CEWD alumni who remain enrolled in a Hostos degree program and maintain a 3.0 or above GPA are awarded a $500 scholarship. To date, 36 students have received the scholarship.

CEWD Industry Engagement: CEWD's NYSDOL Registered Community Health Worker Apprenticeship Program Helps Engage Employers

Hostos CEWD has a long-standing commitment to providing high-quality Community Health Worker (CHW) trainings. CEWD developed its CHW training program in 2012 as part of CUNY CareerPATH, an initiative funded by Community College and Career Training grant. In 2013, a credit articulation agreement was signed with the Education Department and the Division of Academic Affairs to allow CEWD's CHW students to earn up to nine (9) academic credits towards an A.S. degree in Community Health at Hostos. In Spring 2017, Hostos CEWD expanded its program by establishing a New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) Registered CHW Apprenticeship Program. The apprenticeship program includes 144 hours of didactic education and 2,000 hours of on-the-job training (OJT).

CEWD's NYSDOL Registered CHW Apprenticeship Program has allowed the division to partner with employers who want to fill vacancies by having their staff participate in the CHW apprenticeship program. New hires received a starting salary of $50,000 plus.

CEWD's long-term goal is to increase the number of skilled Community Health Workers locally and regionally; as well as, creating an industry "gold standard" for training CHWs. CEWD receives both private and public funding to support its CHW program.

CEWD's NYSDOL Registered CHW Apprenticeship Program By the Numbers

34	**CEWD has worked with employers to register 34 individuals in its CHW Apprenticeship Program**
7	**CHWs completed the apprenticeship program via a pilot program CEWD established with the Montefiore Hudson Valley Collaborative**
27	**CHWs have registered via CEWD's collaboration with Montefiore Albert Einstein**
8	**Montefiore Albert Einstein employees completed the apprenticeship program in the first cohort**
19	**Montefiore Albert Einstein employees are part of the second cohort**

Take Advantage of CEWD NO-COST / GRATIS Opportunities

CEWD

offers a variety of NO-COST Certifications and courses:

- Opportunities for Veterans
- Community Health Worker (CHW)
- Certified Home Health Aide Training and English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Capacitación certificada para asistentes de salud en el hogar englés como segundo dioma (ESL)
- Certified Billing and Coding Specialist
- Spanish for Healthcare Workers

The Adult Learning Center

offers NO-COST Language Skills & Test Preparation classes:

- General Equivalency Diploma (GED®)
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
- Inglés para Hablantes de Otros Idiomas (ESOL)

The CUNY Fatherhood Academy

offers fathers, 18-30 years old, NO-COST classes:

- General Equivalency Diploma (GED®) Prep

NYC Accelerated Recovery HUB

offers NO-COST Allied Health Certificate programs:

- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Patient Care Technician (PCT)
- Medical Administrative Assistant (MAA)

To enroll or explore courses, click here.

Get Trained.Get Hired.

Learn about the wide array of career-focused certificate programs and courses that are available through CEWD.

Explore what interests you. As well as healthcare and medical, CEWD also offers courses in real estate, Microsoft Office, and teaching. GED® and ESOL are among the most popular classes.

CEWD expresses gratitude to:

- Our staff that work to assist our students
- Students for choosing CEWD at Hostos
- Our partners and funders

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