

## Additional Opportunities

### Bilingual Pupil Services

The Bilingual Pupil Services (BPS) Program is designed to prepare and train **bilingual paraprofessionals** in pursuit of a teaching career to support and serve English Language Learners (ELLs) in Title I public elementary schools. The goal of the program is to promote the linguistic and academic progress of students whose primary language is Spanish, Chinese, or Haitian-Creole. Our interns are placed in a bilingual or ENL setting at participating schools throughout NYC and receive salary including benefits as UFT paraprofessionals while they take classes to complete their bachelor's degree.

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## THE PARAPROFESSIONAL CAREER TRAINING PROGRAM

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## Career Training Program

The Career Training Program provides eligible UFT paraprofessionals with the opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree. The program provides tuition assistance for three (3) to six (6) credits per semester for undergraduate study at participating colleges or universities. Participants registered for and taking five (5) credits are entitled to two and a half (2.5) hours per week of release time. Participants may also apply for a summer stipend to support the study. **Implementation of the Career Training Program is contingent upon the availability of funding and the staffing needs of the NYC Department of Education.**

### Eligibility requirements:

- Full time paraprofessionals employed in New York City Public Schools who have not yet earned a Bachelor's degree.
- Applicants must be payrolled as a full-time paraprofessional at the time of application filing and remain appointed as a full-time paraprofessional for the remainder of the application school year.
- Mandatory matriculation into a degree bearing program after completion of 60 credits. ***Proof of matriculation will be required.***
- Substitute Paraprofessionals are **NOT** eligible to participate in the CTP Program.
- Paraprofessionals must maintain a "C" grade point average (2.0) to remain in the program.
- The NYCDOE will **NOT** pay for "F" grades or late withdrawals.
- A maximum of 120 credits will be paid on behalf of the Paraprofessional, towards the completion of a Bachelor's degree program (exceptions will be reviewed on a case by case basis).

### Applications filing periods are:

Fall Semester – May 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>

Spring Semester – September 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>

Summer Semester – February 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>

### Financial Aid:

For paraprofessionals who benefit from the Federal Pell Grant or the New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) grant, financial aid will be used to cover any tuition related expenses. The attending college university will bill the Department of Education the difference between the amount of tuition owed and the amount of tuition assistance received.

If you require further information please email  
[CareerTraining@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:CareerTraining@schools.nyc.gov) or call us at (718) 935-2449.

## Participating Colleges and Universities

Paraprofessionals must apply on their own for admission to the participating college or university of their choice. Participants must complete a minimum of 3 credits per semester. UFT paraprofessionals must take credits at one of the following participating colleges or universities:

### COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Borough of Manhattan Community College

Bronx Community College

Guttman Community College

Hostos Community College

LaGuardia Community College

Kingsborough Community College

Queensborough Community College

### STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Empire State College

SUNY at Old Westbury

### PRIVATE COLLEGES

Boricua College

Mercy College

St. Francis College

Seymour Joseph Institute ASL

Touro College

### CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (4 Year Programs)

Bernard M. Baruch College

Brooklyn College

City College of New York

College of Staten Island

Hunter College

John Jay College

Lehman College

Medgar Evers College

NYC Technical College

Queens College

York College

CUNY School of Professional Studies

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Long Island University **only** accepts UFT Paraprofessionals for their undergraduate degree program in teacher education at the School of Education on the Brooklyn Campus. No other LIU programs or campuses are eligible. Applicants must contact the program coordinator for additional program information and admission criteria.

#### Long Island University—Brooklyn

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Our online application is available under the Career Training Program section of our website:

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