

The
City University
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The
CUNY
Baccalaureate
Program

**DISABILITY
STUDIES**

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Financial Aid/Scholarships

- Students who are enrolled for at least six credits may apply for financial aid through their home college.
- State workers who are represented by the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) may apply for tuition vouchers and reimbursement through the Labor Education Action Program (LEAP).
- Paraprofessionals in NYC Public Schools who are represented by the United Federation of Teachers (UFT) may receive tuition support through the Career Training Program.
- Many other unions and agencies have their own tuition assistance programs.
- Worker-students who are enrolled for at least six credits are eligible to apply for the Kennedy Fellows Scholarship and Mentoring Program. The Kennedy Fellows Program provides stipends and a career development mentoring program for selected individuals who demonstrate a career commitment to work in the disability field.

Selected Undergraduate Courses in Disability Studies

A wide variety of courses in disability studies is offered at colleges throughout the City University. A small sampling of specialized courses is detailed below.

Your faculty mentor will help you select appropriate courses to meet your academic and career goals.

Introduction to Disability Studies

Borough of Manhattan Community College	.....HUM 212
LaGuardia Community College	.....HSE 111
Medgar Evers College	.....EDUC 153
The College of Staten Island	.....HAA 107

Psychosocial Aspects of Disability

The City College	.....PSY 201
Lehman College	.....EDS 350
Queens College	.....PSY 359
The College of Staten Island	.....SOC 350
York College	.....PSY 281

Early Intervention with Infants and Toddlers

LaGuardia Community College	.....HSE 112
Medgar Evers College	.....EDUC 252, 253

Adulthood, Aging, and Disabilities

Borough of Manhattan Community College	.....HUM 214
City College Center for Worker Education	.....CWE 312
Lehman College	.....EDS 212, 220
Medgar Evers College	.....EDUC 324

American Sign Language

LaGuardia Community College	.....HSI 180
Lehman College	.....SPV 101
The College of Staten Island	.....ASL 113

Vocational Rehabilitation

LaGuardia Community College	.....HSE 110
York College	.....PSY 282

Therapeutic Recreation

The City CollegeEDSC 343
Lehman CollegeREC 321
York CollegePE 353

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The City University of New York Disability Studies

Earn a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science with a concentration in Disability Studies through the CUNY Baccalaureate Program.

If you want to work with children or adults with mental retardation and other disabilities, the CUNY Baccalaureate Program lets you design an interdisciplinary course of study that can help you advance in your career.

Through the program you will have access to specialized courses in the field, wherever they are offered in CUNY.

The CUNY Baccalaureate Program

- The CUNY Baccalaureate Program is ideal for working adults. Students work closely with a faculty mentor to design a unique program of study that matches their personal, career, and academic goals.
- To be eligible for admission, students must have earned 15 college credits with a GPA of 2.5; be matriculated at a CUNY College; and have passed all CUNY basic skills tests.
- The CUNY Baccalaureate Program is administered through the CUNY Graduate School and University Center.

Expanded Career Opportunities

- A baccalaureate degree with a concentration in Disability Studies and one year of work experience in the field fulfills the requirements for becoming a Qualified Mental Retardation Professional (QMRP).
- The degree will qualify individuals for professional level positions with the NYS Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD) and with other public and not-for-profit agencies in the field.
- Students may complete courses of study that prepare them for such careers as job coaches, case managers, rehabilitation assistants, group home managers, advocates, recreation specialists, teachers, counselors, and social workers.
- Most of the CUNY colleges offer credited internships and field placements at agencies providing services to people with disabilities.
- A baccalaureate degree with a concentration in Disability Studies will qualify individuals to apply for graduate level programs in related fields.