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| KingsboroughKCC/Kingsborough Community College |
| ARE YOU ASTUDENT WHO…? | **PROGRAMS OVERVIEW** |
| * Will take advantage of resources just for freshmen to help transition to college?
* Even when these resources and programs are optional?
* Because you want the strongest start possible?!
 | Kingsborough is full of friendly and supportive people and programs. Take advantage so that the first year experience is not overwhelming and you don’t get lost. Unlike in high school, success the first year in college is essential, not just for doing well, but for staying in.**Summer/Winter Immersion*** Complete remedial requirements for FREE over the summer (and/or in January).

 **CD/College Discovery –** *Check EOP guidelines for* *household income and academic eligibility** Dedicated counselors who offer academic and holistic personal support.
* With any 4-year college acceptance guaranteed SEEK or EOP admission.
* Financial support: book stipend, partial fee payment, & additional semesters of aid.

**ASAP -** *See ASAP profile for academic and financial eligibility and program info** Amazing program with academic and financial support (for those not CD eligible).

**CUNY Start -** *See CUNY Start profile for program info** Intensive and effective college prep for students assigned to multiple remedials.

**Freshman Services and College Advisement*** After getting placement test scores, students not in special programs should meet with an advisor, review a matriculation checklist, and sign up for registration.
* Academic advising and THE HUB of info for freshmen not in special programs.
* Offers a New Student Orientation - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.
* Students should register for Freshman Seminar/SD-10, a1 credit class that addresses academic policies, learning styles, study skills, campus resources, career planning, and other topics crucial for success in college.

**Opening Doors Learning Communities – \****Started at KCC, now on campuses nationwide** Students take 3 inked classes in cohorts of 25: 1) Student Development, 2) English, 3) a core requirement like Art History, Business, Biology, Health, Economics, Music, Psychology, Speech, Theater, etc., and an additional class outside the cohort.
* Professors of courses 2 & 3 plan for class and design assignments together.
* Student Development, taught by cohort’s advisor, teaches HOW COLLEGE WORKS.
* Additional support for students with remedial English requirements.
* Amazing for peer relationships, critical thinking, self-confidence, and your grades.
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| ADMISSIONS &ELIGIBILITY |
|  High school diploma or GEDNon-selective*76.1 GPA (CD = 71.1 GPA)*  |
| APP PROCESS& TIMELINE |
|  CUNY APP DEADLINES: Fall: Feb. 1Spring: Sept. 15 1. Apply by WINTER BREAK.
2. Indicate CD eligibility.
3. Get acceptances – commit to KCC (deposit/waiver).
4. Take CUNY placement test (March/April).
5. Get scores. If assigned to remedials see FAQS.
6. Contact offices about special programs and eligibility: CD, ASAP, and CUNY Start.
7. Attend program info sessions.
8. Attend freshman orientation.
9. All paperwork in to KCC/programs.
10. Registration.
11. Initiate relationship with your advisor/program.
12. Summer immersion if needed.
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| **KEY INSIDER INFORMATION**  |
| **All students need INITIATIVE *and* GUIDANCE.** No one forces college students to get with advisors, and many don’t. Resourceful students talk to advisors OFTEN and discover about themselves that:1. they have lots of questions about what they should be doing in college
2. they have to do stuff they didn’t know they had to do to stay in college
3. that it’s truly helpful to check in with someone who knows YOU and the college

**All students need to know HOW college WORKS.** Don’t learn the hard way. Kingsborough requires students to be extremely independent AND seek guidance in registering for classes, completing major requirements, filing financial aid yearly, etc. KCC students say work with an advisor! Every student has access to one. |
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| LINKS | **FAQs** |
| HOME:<http://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/Pages/default.aspx>MATRICULATION CHECKLIST: <https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/fye/Pages/preenrollment.aspx>FRESHMAN SEMINAR:<https://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/fye/Pages/sd10_2.aspx>LEARNING COMMUNITIES – *Watch the video*: <http://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/LC/Pages/LearningCommunities.aspx>ASAP:<http://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/asap/Pages/default.aspx>COLLEGE DISCOVERY:<http://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/sub-other/sub-special_programs/pages/kccbe.aspx>SUMMER/WINTER IMMERSION:<http://www.kbcc.cuny.edu/immersion/Pages/default.aspx> | 1. **How will I know who my advisor is?**
* ASAP and CD offer highly individualized advising and intensive support.
* Learning Community cohorts have an advisor who also teaches the Student Development course (SD-10) and encourages individual advising outside of class.
* Incoming freshmen should register with the Freshman Services where you can learn who your assigned advisor is, if you are not in a special program.
* The Academic Advisement Center is an additional resource for all KCC students.
1. **What do I need an advisor for?**
* Many freshmen think they don’t need an advisor, but they’re WRONG.
* Advisors help with the WHOLE picture: academics (if you’re failing classes, planning your major, exploring careers, etc.), what’s going on out of school (stress at home, self-esteem, time management, etc.), and help access campus resources.
1. **What if I’m assigned to remedial courses?**
* **If you have 1:** Do it over the summer through Summer Immersion.
* **If you have 1-2:** Talk to ASAP or CD about eligibility.
* It is NOT ADVISED to spend financial aid on remedials by taking them your fall or spring semesters – keep in mind you’re limited to 8 semesters of aid total.
* If you plan on pursuing a 4-year degree, remedial courses can set you back from maintaining the academic progress needed to finish on time, with enough aid.
* **If you have 2-3:** Do CUNY Start for sure.
1. **How do I get into the programs like CD, ASAP, Learning Communities, or CUNY Start?**
* All programs said they do direct outreach to students by email/phone calls.
* **CD:** Meet family size and income EOP eligibility. Check EOP guidelines online.
* Be eligible by CD’s guidelines for grades (70.8 GPA or less) or call to discuss.
* Indicate interest on CUNY app & complete additional app from CD office.
* Contact the office after receiving KCC acceptance and register online for enrollment orientation session. Follow up quickly – spots are limited.
* Fill out a FAFSA and turn in a 1040 tax form (or other documentation) to CD office.
* **ASAP:** See ASAP profile.
* Be eligible, attend info session, and turn in paperwork quickly – spots are limited.
* **Learning Communities:** Tell the Freshman Services Office that you want to join a learning community and follow up on all steps promptly in late spring/summer.
* Also contact Learning Communities office for instructions.
* **CUNY Start:** See CUNY Start profile.
* Take placement test in spring. If assigned to 2-3 remedials, contact CUNY Start.
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| ALUMNI TO TALK TO | **CONTACT INFORMATION** |
|  | **Academic Advisement Center**Zuleika Rodriguez, *Director,* 718-368-5744**Admissions** – *extremely helpful following up on cases and connecting with programs*Javier Morgades, Associate Director, 718-368-4561, jmorgades@kbcc.cuny.edu**College Discovery/CD**Sandra Ramos, *Director,* 718-368-5576/5520, sandra.ramos@kbcc.cuny.edu**Freshman Services and College Advisement** Rm F123718-368-4806 freshman.services@kbcc.cuny.edu**Summer/Winter Immersion** Rm D106718-368-5358, immersion@kbcc.cuny.edu**Opening Doors Learning Communities**, Rm E102Samantha Sierra, *Coordinator of Freshman Learning Communities,* 718-368-4903Marissa Schlesinger, *Associate Director of Academic Affairs,* 718-368-5027**CUNY Start & ASAP** – *see individual profiles* |