



OVERVIEW

LaGuardia Community College, located in Long Island City, serves over 26,000 students in pre-college, degree-seeking, and continuing education programs each year across more than sixty associate degree and certificate programs, as well as over sixty Adult and Continuing Education (ACE) programs. Founded in 1971, the college has offered access and opportunity for New Yorkers to earn credentials and training to transfer to senior colleges and find rewarding, sustainable wage jobs and careers. LaGuardia is accredited by Middle States Commission on Higher Education and is proudly a Minority Serving Institution holding designations as a Hispanic-Serving Institution, Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution, and meets the requirements to be part of the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program.

As one of seven community colleges within the City University of New York (CUNY), the College reflects the legacy of our namesake, Fiorello H. LaGuardia, the former NYC mayor beloved for his advocacy of the underserved.

Degree-seeking program options are available across six Fields of Interest: Business & Entrepreneurship; Education & Public Service; Engineering, Science & Technology; Health & Wellness; Languages, Culture & Society; and, Visual & Performing Arts. Upon graduation most students transfer to four-year colleges, typically in CUNY, to complete their baccalaureate degrees. Graduates of career programs such as Nursing, Computer Technology, and Veterinary Technology typically enter the workforce.

In 2024, 29 percent of our degree-seeking students were born outside of the United States, coming to LaGuardia from 131 countries and speaking 31 different languages. More than half are the first generation in their families to pursue a college education. Students come from all five boroughs, with 69 percent living in Queens. Eighty-six percent of students are ethnic minorities, 59 percent are women, 28 percent are over the age of 25. Forty-five percent are Hispanic, well above the threshold of 25 percent required by the US Department of Education for designation as a Hispanic-Serving Institution. Just over one-half of our degree-seeking students attend part-time (51 percent), usually because they need to work to support their families.

Sixty-seven percent of LaGuardia degree-seeking students receive some form of financial aid. Tuition and fees are \$5,271 per year for a full-time student.

For 2024-25, there were a total of 1,875 graduates. This was a 6.5 percentage increase in the total number of graduates compared to the prior academic year (2023-24). Ninety-seven percent earned an associate degree (25 percent earned an AA degree, 22 percent AAS, 50 percent AS), and 3 percent Certificate. The number of graduates earning a STEM major increased by 32 percent year-over-year. The three largest graduating majors included Business Administration (15 percent of total graduates), Computer Science (8 percent of graduates), and tied for third were Psychology (7 percent) and Criminal Justice (7 percent). Fifty-nine percent of graduates were female and 63 percent were underrepresented minority students (Black, Hispanic, or Native American).

LaGuardia's ACE Division is the largest provider of non-degree workforce training in CUNY and the largest provider of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) instruction in New York City. LaGuardia's vocational training programs prepare Queens residents for careers in high-demand sectors of the NYC economy, including healthcare, IT, and construction. In cooperation with industry partners, the ACE Division offers career guidance, internships, job placement, and student support. Students earn industry-recognized credentials and, in some programs, college credits that can be applied toward associate degrees. ACE's Small Business & Entrepreneurship programs, including Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses, provide training and technical assistance to small business owners and entrepreneurs from across the region.