Earn your GED while attending college.

Pathways to Careers Certificate Program

A Purpose-Centered Education

Our mission is to provide a superior, experientially-based education that fosters personal and professional development, promotes social justice, and encourages positive change in workplaces and communities.
About Pathways to Careers

The Pathways to Careers program at MCNY offers adults 19 years of age or older the opportunity to earn their High School Equivalency (HSE) diploma while earning college credits that lead to a college degree.

• Through the Pathways to Careers Certificate program – approved by New York State (NYS) – you will earn 27 college credits, 24 of which are required by NYS to use in place of the GED exam, to receive your HSE from the NYS Department of Education (no TASC necessary).
• MCNY will send your college transcript to the NYS Department of Education on your behalf.
• Once you earn your certificate, you can earn a bachelor’s degree in two years or an associate degree in one year, if you continue at MCNY.
• The three-semester program is offered online for summer, fall, and spring.

Eligibility

To be accepted into the Pathways to Careers Certificate program, students must meet the following admission requirements:

• have not yet earned a high school diploma or equivalency
• be at least 19 years old
• have a New York State-issued identification card (e.g., driver’s license, passport)
• submit a completed application
• pass the Ability to Benefit Accuplacer exam taken through the MCNY Offices (MCNY provides a free preparation workshop for this placement assessment)
• be eligible to apply for federal and state student grants

Designed to be affordable

Cost

Students eligible for the federal financial aid Title IV Pell grant program and the NYS TAP grant program will receive grants to cover most of the tuition. If you are low-income or unemployed, the balance of your tuition is covered by the MCNY scholarship program.

MCNY is here to help students earn their high school equivalency diploma as well as work toward earning an associate degree in one year or a bachelor’s degree in two years, after earning your certificate.
Who We Are
Metropolitan College of New York (MCNY), a not-for-profit institution accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, was founded by Audrey Cohen in 1964. The College was born out of the turbulence of the 1960s in response to the demand for college curricula and degrees to address a changing society and the needs of students. MCNY’s unique model of education is focused on two innovative ideas: Purpose-Centered Education and Experiential Learning through Constructive Actions designed within the framework of equity and social justice.

Purpose-Centered Education and Experiential Learning (Constructive Actions)
Purpose-Centered Education is the use of knowledge and skill in purposeful Constructive Actions to promote professional competencies, empowerment, and social justice. Knowledge and skill used in Constructive Actions include: purpose, values, and ethics; self and others; systems; and skills. Constructive Actions are carried out in supervised real-life situations in organizational or community settings, documented, and assessed, and they earn credits toward students’ degrees.