Certificate in Health Coaching and Care Coordination at City University of New York

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Overview

- Program design and objectives
- Recruitment and student demographics
- Curriculum development
- Key features and supports
- Program evaluation & next steps



Context – Our Role within CUNY

- Leading public, urban university in US
- > 24 colleges and institutions serving more than540,000 students across NYC
- Our Role:
 - Provide technical assistance
 - Support frontline workers in health, education
 & human services fields
 - Workforce research
 - Collaboration with colleges, agencies



Certificate in Health Coaching & Care Coordination (CHCCC)

- Health Workforce Retraining Initiative
- 5-course,10-credit undergraduate certificate
- Collaboration with Queensborough Community College (QCC)
- No tuition cost
- Currently recruiting for 3rd cohort



Program Design & Objectives

- Respond to changes, trends in health care and impact on the workforce
- Professional development & career ladder opportunity for frontline workers
- Support access to higher education
- "Stackable credential"



Eligibility and Recruitment

- NYS Resident
- HSD or GED
- Frontline worker in Allied Health field
- Recruited through agency partners, program alumni, webinar series
- Admissions process: application, essay, recommendation, interview
- Agency Partnership



Students at a Glance

- 60 students currently enrolled
- Employment Setting:
 - Intellectual Disabilities: 44%
 - Mental Health: 35%
 - Health Care/Primary Care: 21%
- Job titles:
 - Medical Assistant, Peer Specialist, Direct Support Aide, Patient Care Associate, Care Navigator, Case Manager, Housing Counselor



Curriculum Development

- Collaboration agency partners, faculty
- Research-understand best practices/trends
- Design- support a broad and diverse workforce
- 4 credited courses from QCC curriculum:
 - Current Issues in Health Care Administration
 - Organization and Delivery of Health Care
 - Introduction to Health Education
 - Introduction to Social Work



Course Content

- Topics and principles central to care coordination are updated and infused into curriculum-
- Chronic care issues, innovative models, EHR, healthcare reform, policy, health coaching and wellness, social welfare, cultural competency, disability
- Faculty expertise and guest lecturers enhance learning



Key Features & Supports

- College Bridge
 - 45 hours, non-credit
 - Writing, reading, critical thinking support
 - Contextualized around food insecurity
- New Student Orientation
- Enrollment at QCC
- Faculty Advisement
- Computer support



Program Evaluation & Next Steps

- On-going process
 - Debriefing throughout, feedback from students and faculty
- New student, midpoint and exiting assessments
- Rubrics as a key measurement
- Tracking outcomes -i.e. agency incentives, professional development, academic goals

