A College Degree Program for Paraprofessionals

College classes leading toward a SUNY degree are held each term in the UFT office in your borough.

- Tuition costs are covered by your college tuition voucher.
- Credits received may be eligible for use toward salary upgrades.
- Students gain information and understanding that helps to better serve pupils.
- Academic guidance is available to help you earn an associate or bachelor’s degree.
- Courses are developed to meet state of New York standards, and will help your school meet performance benchmarks.
- Instructors model for you good classroom practices through speech, classroom management, time management, student-teacher interaction, problem solving, and stress management.

Benefits of the Program

Improve your skills – Courses are offered in computers and information resources, conducting research, writing academic papers and more.

Build self-confidence – As a student, you become a role model for your own students and your own children.

Obtain a college degree – You will receive mentoring and advising to help you achieve the degree of your choice.

Join a community of learners – The program emphasizes the dignity of each individual and uses the culture and experiences of the diverse population of paraprofessionals to enrich the classroom experience.

It’s convenient – Classes are held at the UFT Office in your borough after work.

The Educational Pathways Program for Paraprofessionals is sponsored by:

- United Federation of Teachers (UFT)
- NYSUT Education and Learning Trust
- The Harry Van Arsdale Jr. Center For Labor Studies, SUNY Empire State College

Registration is easy

Registration for fall, spring and summer terms is held at area UFT offices.

To find out the meeting dates you can:

- Look for the schedule in the calendars in your union newspaper.
- Look for the flyers that list the classes to be offered and the dates and times of the registration meetings.
- Get on our mailing list! Fill out the mailing panel on this brochure for more details.

To find out about registration times or get more information:

Phone: 646-230-1274
Email: Candice.Ross@esc.edu

The college provides individual mentoring to all students who enroll for a degree at Empire State College. Your mentor and college support services staff help you plan and successfully complete the educational program of your choice.
For more information
If you want to:
• receive information about upcoming classes,
• be notified about registration dates and time,
• learn how to apply to Empire State College
Cut along the dotted line, fill out the information below, and mail it to:
Candy Ross
Empire State College
325 Hudson St., 6th Floor
New York, NY 10013
I am interested in registering for college classes. Please put me on the mailing list to get information.

Name ____________________________________________
Address __________________________________________
City ______________________________________________
State ____________________________________________
Zip ______________________________________________
Home Phone ________________________________________
Cell Phone _________________________________________
Email ____________________________________________

Classes are held at the following UFT Office Locations
Bronx Borough Office
718-379-6200
2500 Halsey St.
10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday-Friday

Brooklyn Borough Office
718-852-4900
335 Adams St., 25th floor
10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, Wednesday-Friday
10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday

Manhattan Borough Office
212-598-6800
52 Broadway
10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday-Friday

Queens Borough Office
718-275-4400
97-77 Queens Blvd., Rego Park
10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, Wednesday-Friday
10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday

Staten Island Borough Office
716-605-1400
4456 Amboy Road, 2nd floor
10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, Wednesday-Friday
10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday

“I chose the Center for Labor Studies program at Empire State College after asking several colleagues where they take their classes. They told me how easy it was to register, and how convenient the 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. hours are. They were absolutely right! The classes are very important to me.”

–Carmen Torres, CTT para, PS 20 Staten Island

The program focuses on building a community of learners in the classroom, where students help each other to succeed.

“I attended Empire State College has given me a fresh look at the power of research. The professors have taught me to think more critically, appreciate the different styles of writing, ask more questions about what I read, and that information that is really worthwhile is worth digging a little deeper for.”

–Paula Thomas, PT @ PS179, Fresh Meadows, Queens

About Empire State College and The Harry Van Arsdale Jr. Center for Labor Studies
Empire State College of the State University of New York is a nationally-recognized leader in non-traditional education. Founded in 1971 to provide educational opportunities to working adults not adequately served by more traditional institutions, the college has always placed great emphasis on developing flexible instructional models and providing credit to adults for the learning they may already have acquired through their work and life experience.

The college has had a special relationship with the labor movement from its inception, and the Center for Labor Studies, also formed in 1971, was a product of that relationship. Renamed in 1986 to honor Harry Van Arsdale, Jr., who was instrumental in its creation, its purpose has always been to provide trade unionists and other wage-earning adults access to a college education in a learning environment that celebrates and builds on their experience and achievements.

You will gain practical skills through hands-on work.