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| CUNY START  offered at CUNY community colleges + CSI | |
| ARE YOU A  STUDENT WHO…? | **PROGRAM OVERVIEW** |
| * Did not pass one, two, or more sections of the CUNY Placement Test? * Got assigned to remedial English and/or math? * Want to save $$ and start college confident and prepared? | Instead of entering college paying tuition or using financial aid to complete zero-credit remedial requirements, CUNY Start offers incoming students a semester to save $$ and build the academic and organizational skills necessary for success in college. Program cost, including books, is just $75.  **CUNY Start offers:**   * Reading, writing, pre-algebra, and algebra prep to retake the CUNY Placement Test. * A bridge to college – advising and planning – in addition to academic prep. * A more affordable and strategic way to complete mandated remedials. * Full access to campus resources (computer lab, gym, library, counseling, events).   **Full vs. Part-Time:**   * Full-time, **25** hr/wk (9am-3pm) for remediation in both math **AND** reading/writing. * Part-time, **12** hr/wk (morning or afternoon) for remediation in both math **OR** reading/writing.   **Additional Perks:**   * Small supportive community - 1 on 1 meetings with advisors. * Professors and advisors work as a team to encourage student progress. * Weekly seminar, taught by advisors, focuses on campus resources, career exploration, and preparation to navigate the college system. * Support with managing stress and balancing the demands of college with other responsibilities.   **After 12 out of the 18 weeks of CUNY Start:**   * Students retake the CUNY Placement Test. For the last 6 weeks of the program… * Those who pass the sections they need register for the upcoming semester. * Those who do not pass are given a 3rd chance to retake after 6 more weeks of prep (an option not offered through traditional remedial courses). |
| ADMISSIONS &  ELIGIBILITY |
| * HS diploma/GED. * Applied/accepted to CUNY. * Took CUNY Placement Test. * Failed 2+ sections. * Not yet registered for classes. |
| APP PROCESS  & TIMELINE |
| 1. Apply to CUNY. 2. Get acceptances & pick your campus right away. Formally commit by contacting the admissions office. 3. Take the CUNY Placement Test immediately. *For seniors this means ASAP in the spring.* 4. If you do not pass TWO OR MORE sections of the placement test, contact the CUNY Start office on campus. 5. Attend a mandatory information session. Bring two references (name, occupation, phone #, and email) with you to speed up the process. 6. Start application at info session. 7. Check back with CUNY Start to secure your place for upcoming semester. 8. *Programs are slightly different by campus – contact directly.* |
| **KEY INSIDER INFORMATION** |
| Assignment to remedials is very common and may indicate a need to strengthen college readiness. Many students do not pass the CUNY Placement Test.  **For these students, it can be risky to start college with multiple remedial requirements. Why?**  **Remedials = ZERO Credits**   * Even though remedials are worth ZERO credits, they cost the same amount (in tuition or financial aid $) as credit-bearing courses. * Students assigned to remedials must retake/pass the CUNY Placement Test in order to move on to credit-bearing courses and may be delayed in earning their degree.   **Remedials = $$$/Financial Aid**   * Financial aid is limited to just 8 semesters for ALL college students. * Students who take several fall/spring remedial courses and use their financial aid to pay for them may run out of financial aid before completing their degrees. * **CUNY Start students pay $75, save their financial aid for credit courses, and avoid risks like academic probation and dismissal due to increased preparation.** |
| CUNY START PG. 2 | |
| LINKS | **FAQs** |
| HOME:  <http://www.cuny.edu/academics/programs/notable/CATA/cti-cunystart.html>  TEACHING W/ QUESTIONS:  <http://youtu.be/hv7MBSEcpW8> | **What do I need to do to be ready to start college courses after CUNY Start?**   * Retake and pass the sections of the test you need, and register with your advisor. * This happens 2/3 of the way into the program, so there is time to register for the upcoming semester, or prep and retake the test a third time.   **What if I don’t pass my CUNY Start courses?**   * Classes may or may not be graded. There are, however, strict attendance policies. In college, violation of attendance policies can quickly lead to academic dismissal.   **What if I retake the CUNY Placement Test and don’t pass again?**   * CUNY Start students get two opportunities to retake the sections they need. * If students still do not pass, they can enter their first semester in remedial courses or work with their advisor to learn about alternatives to degree programs. * Unfortunately, students cannot re-enroll in CUNY Start for a second semester.   **What’s the difference between free remedials in the summer and CUNY Start in the fall?**   * Some campuses offer Summer Immersion, a free college bridge program (Ex: Kingsborough, BMCC, City Tech, Medgar, etc.). Contact campuses directly. * Often, this is a good option for students assigned to just 1 remedial.   **What if I’ve already started taking remedials and I want to do CUNY Start instead?**   * Sorry, students must enter at the start of the program to stay caught up. If after taking the placement test, you are assigned to remedials, it’s highly recommended that you contact your campus to learn more about CUNY Start.   **Should I do full time or part time?**   * Generally, the full-time program has more students coming right from high school. This is good prep for a full-time class schedule. * The part-time classes are good for students who have full-time work or family responsibilities. Generally these classes have a greater mix of adult learners.   **Are CUNY Start programs different according to each CUNY?**   * YES! EX: Kingsborough recommends students assigned to 2 or mote remedials attend CUNY Start and Summer Immersion to students assigned to 1. * EX: Laguardia doesn’t have Summer Immersion and recommends CUNY Start to students assigned to 1 or more remedial. * EX: At Kingsborough, students who retake and pass the placement test sections they need are offered tuition and book $ to take a for-credit course in the remaining 6 weeks of the program prior to starting their first semester. |
| ALUMNI  TO TALK TO | **CONTACT INFORMATION** |
|  | **BMCC:** 212-346-8398/CUNYStart@bmcc.cuny.edu ***Part-time available***  **BCC:** 718-289-5100, ext. 3141/CUNYStart@bcc.cuny.edu  **CSI:** 718-982-2669/CUNYStart@csi.cuny.edu  **Hostos:** 718-518-6851/CUNYStart@hostos.cuny.edu ***Part-time available***  **Kingsborough:** [718-368-4500/CUNYStart@kbcc.cuny.edu](mailto:718-368-4500/CUNYStart@kbcc.cuny.edu)   * CUNY Start recommended for students who need 2 or more remedial courses. * Summer Immersion recommended for students who need 1 remedial course.   **LaGuardia:** 718-482-5380/CUNYStart@lagcc.cuny.edu ***Part-time available***   * CUNY Start recommended for students who need 1 or more remedial course.   **Queensborough:** [718-281-5368/CUNYStart@qcc.cuny.edu](mailto:718-281-5368/CUNYStart@qcc.cuny.edu) |