

## FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

### What is the GED?

The GED, sometimes referred to as high school equivalency diploma, is a set of tests that certify American high-school level academic skills. It is available for students who did not graduate from high school. For more information about the GED, visit the New York State GED website at <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/ged/>.

Some famous GED recipients are Bill Cosby, David Bowie, LL Cool J, Jessica Simpson, Michael J. Fox, and Chris Rock.

### What is the GED Bridge Program?

The GED Bridge to College and Careers Program is a course designed for students who need to earn their GED and want to pursue a career in either business or healthcare.

### What happens once I get my GED?

The GED Bridge Program offers a range of support services including career counseling and college advisement while you are in class. Once you get your GED, you will work more directly with counselors and staff members to apply to college or certification programs within your career of interest.

### How often do GED Bridge classes meet?

Three mornings (10am – 1pm) or three evenings (6pm – 9pm) a week for 14-week cycles.

### Is there an age limit to be eligible for the class?

You must be at least 19 years old at the start of the program.

### When will the next session of classes begin?

Classes begin in September and January of each year.

### Where will classes be held?

LaGuardia Community College in Long Island City, NY.

The closest subway stops are:

- E** or **V** trains to 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and Ely (or Queens Plaza)
- 7** train to 45<sup>th</sup> Road/Court House Square (or 33/Rawson Street)
- G** train to Court Square (or Queens Plaza)

### What is the cost of the program?

Both the Business and Health Careers GED programs are FREE.

### How long will it take to earn my GED?

This depends on each candidate. Depending on how much time and energy one devotes to preparing for the GED, you may earn your GED after one session of classes. Others may take up to four sessions of study to successfully earn their GED.

### I earned my high school diploma in another country. Do I need to earn my GED?

This depends on the candidate. We recommend that you have the official copy of your transcript from your home country translated and validated to see if you can start college classes. If you do not have access to your official high school transcript, call Linda Chin at 718-482-5385 for options.

### Will I get my GED while earning credit at the college?

No. You must complete the GED Bridge Program classes and successfully earn your GED before enrolling for credit courses at LaGuardia Community College.

### I only need to pass the math section of the GED. Can I join the program and only participate in the math class?

No. You must attend all classes, even for those sections of the GED you may have already passed.

### Are there classes taught in Spanish?

No. All of our Bridge classes are taught in English. Call (718) 482-5380 for information on GED classes in Spanish.

### Will this program train me to become a nurse?

No. This program will help you prepare for the very rigorous academic requirements needed to get into a program like nursing. It will also expose you to a variety of other health career options and prepare you for entry into them.

### I feel ready to take the GED test. What should I do?

You can apply to take the GED exam at LaGuardia's Adult Learning Center's GED Testing Center. Information on GED testing can be found on their website at: <http://www.gedalc.org/>

### I already have my GED, how do I find out what my next step is?

Contact Erika Correa, Assistant Director of ACE Advisement, at 718-482-5976.

### Is a Business career right for me?

For more information, click here:

[www.nycareerzone.org](http://www.nycareerzone.org) or [www.careeroverview.com/business-careers.html](http://www.careeroverview.com/business-careers.html)

### Is a Health career right for me?

For more information, click here:

[www.nycareerzone.org](http://www.nycareerzone.org) or <http://www.explorehealthcareers.org/en/Page.IsAHealthCareerRight.aspx>

