

THE LONG ISLAND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER (LIEOC)

The Long Island Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) delivers comprehensive, community-based academic, workforce development programs and provides support services that lead to social mobility.

Now in its sixth decade of providing tuition-free academic and vocational/workforce development programs to economically and educationally disadvantaged adults, the Long Island EOC offers classes that help eligible students prepare to earn high school equivalency degrees, to improve their English language skills, and/or prepare to enter college or the workforce.

Along with their classroom experiences, students receive a myriad of supportive academic services including counseling, college application and job preparation, and placement activities.

Programs being offered include, but are not limited to multiple levels of English as a Second Language, High School Equivalency Preparation, College Preparation, Army Entrance Test Preparation, Certified Nurse Assistant, Pharmacy Technician, Emergency Medical Technician, Physical Therapy Aide, Home Health Aide, Virtual Assistant Entrepreneur, Administrative Assistant, Electronic Health Records, Office Specialist, Energy Industry Fundamentals, Security Guard, and Visual Technology.

The Brentwood and Hempstead locations of the Long Island EOC host SUNY ATTAIN labs: state-of-the-art computer labs equipped to provide over 32 self-guided occupational and academic computer-based training programs as well as Microsoft™ Office Specialist and Microsoft™ Technology Associate certification preparation and testing.

The Long Island EOC serves the wider community through partnerships with local employers, community organizations, and school districts. Whether these partnerships take the form of on-site English language classes at a local manufacturer, or high school equivalency preparation classes or a day-long college-awareness event for area high schoolers, the results are the same: the EOC is reaching out to Long Islanders to help them move forward with their education.

Students who successfully complete the LIEOC's high school equivalency preparation program and who pass the TASC exam are encouraged to apply to college or to continue on into one of the LIEOC vocational/workforce development programs. Many LIEOC students who go on to college are prime referrals to the EOP programs at SUNY's colleges and universities and to EOP programs at private, independent colleges and universities.

The Long Island EOC is sponsored by Farmingdale State College and has three locations: Hooper Hall on the Farmingdale State College campus, 934-420-2280; 269 Fulton Ave., Hempstead, 516-489-8705; and 1090A Suffolk Ave., Brentwood, 631-434-3740.