

Mission Statement:

The Human Services Programs at LaGuardia Community College are designed to prepare students for careers that focus on helping people and communities to solve problems and to live more satisfying lives. The Human Services Programs curricula are designed to:

- Provide a solid foundation in the principles, theories and skills needed to be effective human services professionals who promote the values and ethics of working with diverse populations and respect the dignity of all individuals, families and communities.
- Prepare students for entry-level positions in the helping professions, or continue their education at the baccalaureate level.
- Increase students' abilities in using technology in order to provide quality services for individuals, families and communities.
- Engage students as active learners, preparing them to be life-long learners.

Program Philosophy

- The Human Services Programs at LaGuardia Community College are dedicated to provide a supportive learning environment through faculty who model the competencies and values of the helping professions. Faculty engages students in collaborative learning environments to nurture and challenge students toward fulfilling their educational and career goals.
- The curriculum emphasizes the integration of course work and internships enabling students to assimilate theory in relation to practice. The curriculum links assignments in the field and classroom in order to explore, demonstrate and evaluate specified knowledge, skills, and values related to the field.

The Goals of the Human Services Programs

The following program goals are accomplished through the integration of course work and internship field experiences where students relate to clients in multicultural settings under professional supervision. Therefore, the program goals are to:

- Provide students with a broad view of human services through an examination of program functions, service delivery styles, and identification of issues and concerns of workers and consumers.
- Teach students fundamental concepts and skills needed for relating to and working with people from different cultural and ethnic backgrounds.
- Provide students with an understanding of how communities are action systems in the delivery of human services, where human services professionals participate in community decision-making processes, community planning and the development of human services, and community change techniques.
- Further students' understanding and abilities to utilize self-awareness and reflection in working with individuals, families and communities.

Learn about the Sixty-Five Year Old LaGuardia Student who received her Associate Degree in Human Services, Annie Lee from the following links:

- 1) **LiveWire Article: It's Never too Late Sixty-Five Year Old LaGuardia Student Receives Associate Degree**
<http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu/nas/LiveWire-AnnieLee.pdf>
Entire LiveWire Journal: <http://web.laguardia.edu/livewire/71/71.pdf>
- 2) **NY Daily News**
http://www.nydailynews.com/ny_local/education/2008/09/18/2008-09-18_laguardia_community_college_grad_65_neve.html
- 3) **LaGuardia News**
<http://web.laguardia.edu/newsreleases/details.aspx?id=2165>