Middlesex Community College
Direct Support Certificate Scholarships

What is the Direct Support Certificate? The Direct Support Certificate is a college program especially designed to enhance the knowledge and skills of direct support workers. The courses offered are college-level courses and all credits can be used toward an Associate or BA/BS degree. It is a project funded by the Department of Developmental Services.

What is included in the Certificate? Certificate participants take the following college courses

- English developmental class for those not ready for ENG 101 no college credit
- HUS 101 Introduction to Human Services 3 college credits
- ENG 101 English Composition 3 college credits
- PSY 123 Developmental Disabilities 3 college credits
- HUS 200 Intro to Counseling Skills 3 college credits
- PSY 160 Dynamics of Interpersonal Relations 3 college credits
- HUS 153 Supervised Field Placement and Seminar I 4 college credits
- HUS 105 Special Topics in Mental Retardation 3 college credits

When are the courses offered? Middlesex Community College is recruiting for admission to the summer 2017 semester beginning May 30th. The semester classes are Introduction to Human Services and Developmental Disabilities. Students who are entering college for the first time will need to take a placement test to see if they could benefit from a preparation course prior to taking English Composition I. English preparation courses will be offered during regular day class time. All other Courses are always offered on Thursday afternoon and evening in Lowell to allow students to plan their work and family schedule well in advance.

What is the cost of the program? The Department of Developmental Services provides scholarships to employees of agencies under contract with DDS so students pay $50.00 per course. Students are also responsible for purchasing materials and books for each class. This price reduction is significant, over $450.00 per course savings!

How do I apply? Applying is easy!

1. Complete the Application to Participate Form, have your supervisor sign it and return by:
   - Mail: Julia Mirras, Middlesex Community College, 33 Kearney Sq, Lowell, MA 01852.
   - Fax your application Attn: J Mirras – 978-656-3150
   - Or send a scanned copy to mirrasj@middlesex.mass.edu

2. If you have not taken college courses previously, call to make an appointment for an MCC placement test by dialing 1-800-818-3434, and selecting option 5. Do this as soon as possible, this must be completed before registration.

3. Make an appointment with Julia Mirras to come in and register in April by calling (978) 656-3189 and leaving a message or send an email to mirrasj@middlesex.mass.edu

If you have questions, or if you need assistance with the application process please leave a voice message for: Patty Lauziere 978-656-3200 ext. 6019 or a email at lauzierrep@middlesex.mass.edu