

## 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

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| ✓ 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 May30<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [lauzierep@middlesex.mass.edu](mailto:lauzierep@middlesex.mass.edu)