

Q: HOW CAN WE BEST HELP HIGH SCHOOL DROP-OUTS ATTAIN A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY... AND PREPARE FOR COLLEGE OR A CAREER?

A: The Bridge to College and Careers Pilot Program

\$10-million Budget Request Item, NYSED

FACT Bridge programs:

- give access to low level applicants reading or speaking at the 7th or 8th grade level, or above
- provide basic skills development and credential training
- cut the length of time for basic skills/ESOL development and credential attainment
- have retention rates from 50% to 85%
- 85% job placement rate on average

FACT Every bridge program has:

- support services and strong case management
- a career and/or industry focus
- basic skills instruction contextualized to the career
- an “active hand-off” to the next step destination as part of a career ladder

FACT: Bridge programs help New Yorkers get good paying jobs and careers. At LaGuardia Bridge:

- LPN pass rate of 93%, double the national rate for immigrant professionals (46%), with 5.9 grade entrance scores
- LPNs increased wages 120% from \$12.02 to \$26.45 after course.
- RNs increased wages 150% from \$11.61 to \$29.00 after course.

A \$10-MILLION INVESTMENT IN THE 2016-2017 STATE BUDGET WILL DRAMATICALLY EXPAND THESE SERVICES TO ADULT LEARNERS; FINALLY GIVING THEM A CHANCE TO SUCCEED AND, IN TURN, INVEST IN THE ECONOMY OF NEW YORK STATE!

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