

# Welcome!

**Community Support Network Transition Institute 2022** 



# Inclusive Transition Partnerships

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 1pm

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### Overview

The Greenburgh-North Castle UFSD is a NYS special act district serving students with emotional, learning and developmental disabilities. Within the district, there are four schools: Greenburgh Academy (Yonkers), Clark Academy (Dobbs Ferry), REACH Academy (Harrison) and Kaplan Academy (New Windsor). Students in the Greenburgh Academy, Clark Academy and REACH Academy require, and are provided with robust transition opportunities through School-based Enterprise programs, community-based internships and pre-vocational and vocational programming.



# Overview

Westchester Community College, a NYS SUNY institution, houses both credit-bearing and non-credit-bearing programming. Non-credit-bearing programming is operated through the Division of Workforce Development and Community Education. The Division of Workforce Development and Community Education has a variety of classes. We are the largest Workforce Development and Community Education Program in the SUNY system. Classes are available:

- to prepare students for new careers
- to enable professionals to maintain and upgrade professional skills and meet and maintain licensure requirements
- to provide students with lifelong learning opportunities for pleasure or profit
- to help non-native English speakers prepare for college and/or employment



# "The Problem"

Attending a special act school for all intents and purposes prohibits a student from also attending and accessing BOCES vocational programming. Special act schools, by design and regulation, are restrictive and do not necessarily have the human, financial or capital resources to support robust vocational training. Ironically, students attending special act schools require intensive vocation training so that they are able to have independence as they transition into adulthood.





# The Partnership













### The Timeline



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Pleasantville Lab Schoo relocates to Westcheste Community College Greenburgh-North Castle
UFSD Partners with WCC

2018

GNC UFSD partners with WCC to develop specialized Cisco Networking Academy program using previously established relationships 2020

Greenburgh-North Castle
UFSD continues
partnership with WCC

DWDCE and GNC UFSD create Microsoft Office Certification, Home Health Aide and Certified Nursing Assistant programs



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## The Contract



Greenburgh-North Castle UFSD Professional Development Center Training Proposal for Work Readiness

### **Definition of the Project**

This proposal describes a partnership between the Greenburgh-North Castle UFSD (GNC) and the Professional Development Center at Westchester Community College (PDC) to offer a pilot program to prepare the Greenburgh-North Castle UFSD participants with the skills required to seek entry-level employment:

To accomplish this goal, the training will consist of 15 weeks of Work Readiness training, with business technology woven throughout the program.

As it is expected that many participants will have some computer skills, a maximum cohort size of 12 is desirable for computer training to permit participants to ask questions and receive individual attention in class

### **Project Specifics**

### Target Audience

This initiative is designed for a target audience of participants in the Greenburgh-North Castle UFSD.

### Timing

The delivery for the cohort group will begin on Monday, September 18, 2017. This first cohort will pilot this program. Additional cohort groups will follow with program adaptations gleaned from this pilot.

The Professional Development Center at Westchester Community College would coordinate the delivery of all the training associated with this project. Training will take place at the Westchester Community College Main Campus in Valhalla.

### Technical consideration

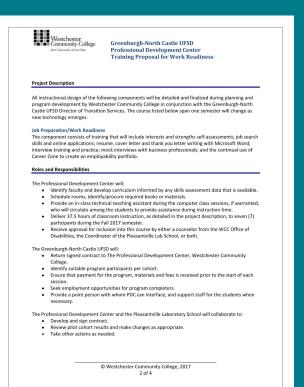
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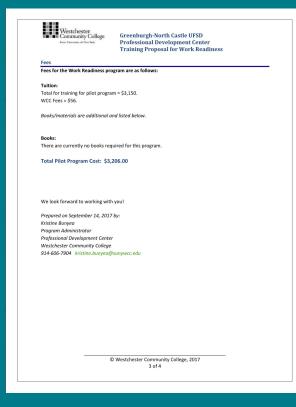
### Faculty

The courses will be delivered by Westchester Community College full or part-time faculty members who are content experts in computer and job readiness skills. During computer instruction, a lab technical assistant may be provided in the classroom to assist the students, and to solve any hardware or software issues that may arise.

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Westchester Community College State University of New York		Greenburgh-North Castle UFSD Professional Development Center Training Proposal for Work Readiness		
	Prof	essional Development Center Program Contract		
Organization:	Greenburgh-North Castle UFSD		Today's Date: September 14, 2017	
Contact Person: Phone:	Mike Voron 914-231-8620			
Services to Be Provided:	Work Reading (see attached			
Dates / Times:	September 18 Mondays, 1:0	)		
Faculty: Location:	Barbara Loizeaux Westchester Community College, Valhalla Campus			
Client will provide:	Participant information, including name and date of birth (see attached enrollment form)			
Fee:	TOTAL: \$3,20	6		
Proposed By: Title: Signature:	Kristine Bunyea Program Administrator		Date: 09/14/17	
Accepted By:				
Title: Signature:			Date:	
		Please sign and return to: Kristine Bunyea Professional Development Center Westchester Community College 75 Grasslands Road, GTW-338 Valhalla, NY 10595		
		) Westchester Community College, 2017		



# The Players

Westchester Community College	GNC UFSD
<ul> <li>Teresita B. Wisell, Vice-President, WDCE</li> <li>Kristine Bunyea, Program Administrator, WDCE</li> <li>Professor Addanki</li> <li>Professor Bart</li> <li>Professor Flynn-Capalbo</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Michael Voron, Principal, Greenburgh Academy</li> <li>Jennifer Maryyanak, Transition Coordinator, Clark Academy</li> <li>20 students, ages 17-21, with learning, emotional and developmental disabilities</li> </ul>



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Contact Information

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# The Programs





# The Students and The Staff

### Student Spotlight - Mohammad Islam



### Bio:

Mohammad, the expected valedictorian at Clark Academy, has participated in the Westchester Community College/Greenburgh North Castle partnership program for two years. Last year, he received his A+ certification in IT from Cisco. This year he plans to receive his Home Health Aide certification through the WCC/GNC Pre-Med program.

### What he'd like you to know:

Mohammad wanted us to mention the misconceptions about our schools. "People get the wrong idea about special education. Special Education can include people with behavioral issues, drug addiction or mental illness. It does not mean we are stupid. Some of the brightest students can be special ed. No one should judge us or put us into categories unless they've met us themselves."

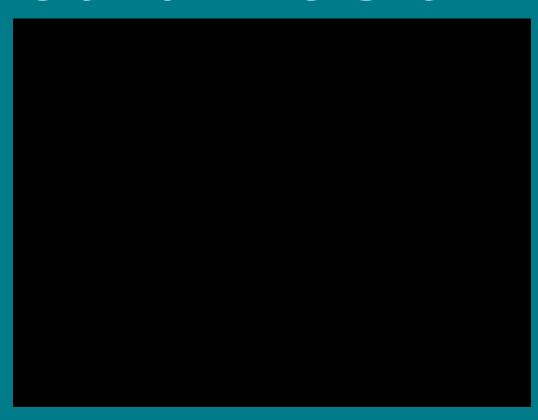
### Interview

How does participating in the program make you feel about your future?

The program gives you a better outlook on the college experience. I get to see college first hand at an early age. I was able to determine if college was right for me.

Is being on a college campus interesting? intimidating? Inspiring? Not intimidating at all. You get to experience college life and a college campus. My parents never went to college, so they wouldn't be able to show me these things. I definitely find it interesting and inspiring.

How do you plan on using this experience in your future? I am planning to attend college in the fall and I feel less anxious, because I am in the program.





# The Students and The Staff













### The Presenters

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