



Preparation for Adults Through  
Training and Higher Education



## CAREER PATH/CUNY START PSYCHOLOGY AND MENTAL HEALTH CAREERS CURRICULUM

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The City University of New York was awarded \$19.86 million through the United States Department of Labor's Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training grant program to offer CUNY CareerPATH, a three-year program aimed at supporting adult students in career advancement and successful college transition, responding to local industry needs, and building CUNY's capacity to serve adult workers. CareerPATH provides academic and English language skills instruction "contextualized" to five industry sectors – health care, education, manufacturing, culinary arts and hospitality, and business – with the goal of engaging adult learners and accelerating their progress once they enroll in college. Strengthened connections between English language pre-college programs, occupational training, and degree programs — bolstered by strong advisement and enhanced student services — help students progress on each step of their education and career pathway. In the short term, participants earn industry-recognized credentials and find jobs. In the longer term, they translate their training into college credit and enter degree programs.

The program director/product liaison should enter the following information below:

**Intended audience**

*CUNY Start-eligible students who are:*

- interested in careers for which a basic introduction to general psychological principles and practices is useful;
- interested in mental health careers;
- have a wide range of career interests, but who intend to enroll in an Introduction to Psychology course to satisfy general education/Pathways requirement.

**Product name and description**

- *CareerPath/CUNY Start Psychology and Mental Health Careers Curriculum*
- Intent of CareerPATH product
- This product is intended for use in CUNY Start reading/writing classes.

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