AHRC New York City’s Melissa Riggio Higher Education Program at the City University of New York

**Transitioning to Higher Education**
Our college programs provide access to higher education for students with intellectual disabilities. Students pursue lifelong learning, explore career goals, gain responsibility, and learn collectively with all members of the college community. We help prepare students for adult life through higher education coursework, campus life, civic engagement, self-advocacy curriculum, and career development.

**Individualized Program of Study**
Students entering the program will receive person-centered supports and participate in a three or four year inclusive post-secondary education experience. Students who successfully complete the program will be eligible to earn a CUNY Unlimited Credential in Academic and Career Studies and receive their personal portfolio upon graduation.

**Eligibility and Applying**
Our college programs are offered at five CUNY campuses for students with intellectual disabilities. Applicants who reside in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, or Staten Island may apply for admission to the college program at the participating CUNY campus in their borough of residence.

Higher education is essential in preparing people to become successful, self-reliant, and engaged members of their communities.

AHRC NYC partnered with CUNY and the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities to develop a fully inclusive higher education program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

We help students develop skills, learn to self-reflect, make informed decisions, accept challenges, build social networks, and make meaningful connections.