

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN NEW YORK CITY

MANY FREE AND REASONABLY PRICED COURSES AT COLLEGES, TRADE AND COMMERCIAL SCHOOLS
OPEN TO RESETTLERS DESIRING TRAINING FOR BETTER JOBS

The wide variety of courses in vocational training offered by public and private schools in New York City enable many persons who work during the day to prepare themselves for better-paying and more responsible positions by evening study. Some of these courses are offered without cost to the student by the city's evening high schools. Numerous other evening courses at reasonable fees are conducted by colleges and by trade and commercial schools. Some of the available courses are listed below.

Free Vocational Courses Offered by Evening High Schools

Men and women are offered free courses leading to a commercial diploma by a number of New York's evening high schools. Subjects covered include stenography, typing, bookkeeping, business English, some business machines, and academic subjects.

In addition, persons employed during the day in any one of the following lines of work may take free evening high school courses in the same field:

Beauty Culture	Printing Press Work
Dressmaking	Shoe Manufacturing and Repairing
Fur Cutting and Operating	Tailoring
Leather Goods Manufacturing	Upholstery
Millinery	Weaving and Loom Fixing
Power Machine Operating	

Other Vocational Courses at Reasonable Fees

Evening courses at reasonable fees are offered by various trade and commercial schools, and in some instances by colléges, in the following fields:

Accounting	Bookkeeping - Hand and Machine
Advertising	Building Construction
Automobile Mechanics	Business Machine Operation
Baking	Cafeteria and Tearoom Training
Barbering	Candy Making
Bartending	Carpentry
Beauty Culture	Commercial Arts and Trade
Billing	Commercial Law
Billing Machines	Cooking and Dietetics
Bookbinding	Dental Mechanics

Drafting	Painting and Decorating
Dramatic Art	Pattern Making and Grading
Dressmaking	Photography
Electrical Installation and Practice	Plumbing
Engineering	Power Machine Operating
Garment Cutting and Draping	Practical Nursing
Heating and Ventilation	Printing and Presswork
Laboratory Technician	Radio Communications
Machine Shop and Machine Operation	Radio Mechanics and Servicing
Millinery	Radiology (X-ray - roentgenology)
Motion Picture Machine Operation	Secretarial Accounting
Motion Picture Photography	Statistics
Music	Stenography & Typing
Office Machines	Tailoring
Office Practice	Traffic and Transportation
Optical Mechanics	Watch and Clock Repairing
	Welding

Requirements for admission to these courses usually call for high school graduation, although this is not the case with some subjects. Tuition costs range from \$50 to \$300, depending on the subjects and the length of the course. The courses vary in length from three months to a year. In general, day courses are in session thirty hours a week, and evening courses six to nine hours a week. It follows naturally that it takes longer to complete a course at night than in day session. The New York relocation office has sent to each relocation center a copy of the publication "Directory of Opportunities for Vocational Training in New York City," which provides detailed information regarding specific schools. A person interested in attending one of the listed schools should request the school to send him its most recent catalog.

New York Public Schools

The New York public school system provides excellent free educational facilities from kindergarten through high school and college. A child can be admitted to a free grade school or high school if one of his parents or other adult member of his family or his guardian lives in the city. No minimum residence period is required. Persons under twenty-one can be admitted free to any one of the four municipal colleges under the same conditions, provided they also meet certain scholastic standards.

Approximately 1,200,000 pupils are enrolled in the city's 850 free day schools and evening schools. Special provision is made for all types of students; the normal, dull, the brilliant, the deaf, the blind, the

dumb, the physically handicapped, and those artistically, musically, or scientifically talented. Vocational training in all fields of commerce and industry is available for the high school and adult student.

In addition to the free evening high school courses listed above, basic vocational training in various lines as part of a 3-4 year course leading to a diploma is offered by twenty-seven free day vocational high schools. Training can be secured in a wide variety of fields, including the automotive, food, needle, and building and metal trades: printing and allied arts; household arts (dietetics, interior decorating, sewing, millinery); commercial art and costume design; clerical, secretarial, and office-machine practice; and beauty culture.

More than fifty free day high schools offer 4-year basic training courses leading to a commercial diploma. The subjects covered include stenography, typing, bookkeeping, business English, some business machines, and some academic subjects. Four-year courses leading to a general or academic diploma are also offered by most of these day high schools.

Colleges and Universities

The city has 16 colleges, covering all fields of study. As indicated above, four of these are free to persons under twenty-one who meet certain scholastic standards and who have a parent or other adult member of the family or a guardian living in the city. These institutions are The College of the City of New York and Hunter College in Manhattan; Brooklyn College in Brooklyn; and Queens College in Queens. They hold both day and evening classes, and in 1940 had an enrolled student body of 70,000.

The privately supported colleges and universities provide a wide variety of courses in undergraduate, graduate, and professional fields. Among these institutions are Columbia University, New York University, Fordham University, Cornell University Medical School, Cooper Union (which offers free instruction, day and evening, in civil, mechanical, electrical, and chemical engineering and in various other subjects), Barnard College (Columbia University's auxiliary for women), and Pratt Institute.

New York Evacuees Who Work and Study

The Relocation Office in New York City assists evacuees interested in combining work and study in two ways: (1) by helping them to find full-time or part-time jobs; and (2) by advising them regarding educational opportunities available throughout the city.

A number of evacuees who have resettled in New York with the aid of the local relocation office are now busily engaged evenings in improving their opportunities for advancement. Several men and women who hold good daytime positions in the garment industry, for example, are developing their skills for better-paying jobs by attending free evening courses at the Central Needle Trades High School. One girl who works during the day as a seamstress in a New York dress shop is preparing herself for what promises to be a brilliant career as an interpretative dancer by studying at night under a scholarship with one of America's foremost dancers. A young man employed as a barboy during the day is preparing to become a lens-grinder by taking a special course at an optics school at night. Several photographers are advancing their skill through evening courses. A girl who is an assistant librarian at one of New York's many branch libraries is studying for her bachelor's degree in liberal arts at Hunter College.

Several girls are taking special evening courses in secretarial practice at Hunter, while still other evacuees are attending Columbia University, New York University, and the College of the City of New York by day or night. Among other schools attended by evacuees are Adelphi College, Pratt Institute, New York School of Social Work, Traphagen School of Fashion, Art Students League, Juilliard School of Music, Martha Graham School of Dancing, Metropolitan School of Ballet, Ballard Commercial School of the YWCA, Banford Academy of Hair and Beauty Culture, McDowell's School of Dressmaking, and the School of Optics.

Students attending schools or colleges during the day are aided in securing work that will help them meet part if not all of their living expenses. Sometimes these positions are domestic jobs that provide living quarters as well as a small wage, but more frequently they are part-time jobs as restaurant workers, pin-boys in bowling alleys, stock workers, library pages, and the like. Several students and a number of apprentices have secured employment in world-famous Mt. Sinai Hospital which makes them self-supporting while they acquire education or a skill. One boy who earns \$40 a month and full maintenance by evening employment at this hospital is also working during the day on another job as an apprentice dental technician which pays him an additional \$20 weekly. Educational opportunities like those described above are not limited, however, to New York City. Practically every large city in the East offers similar advantages for students to complete their college education or take vocational training for better jobs in the future, while at the same time earning their living at either full-time or part-time jobs.

The New York Relocation Office will be glad to provide additional information in answer to specific inquiries regarding educational opportunities, apprentice training, part-time or full-time job possibilities, and related matters. Inquiries should be addressed to Mrs. Mary H. S. Hayes, Relocation Officer in Charge, War Relocation Authority, Room 5305, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, N. Y.

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