

# Partners in Education Program

## What is the City Colleges of Chicago and Chicago Housing Authority Partners in Education Program?

CHA public housing residents and Housing Choice Voucher participants can obtain a degree or certificate from City Colleges of Chicago at low or no cost through the Partners in Education Program. The Partners in Education team facilitate Information Sessions that help residents with the enrollment process, academic advisement and referrals for career coaching when appropriate.

## What does the program cover?

Eligible expenses include tuition, uniforms, books, and exam fees for the CCC academic program or training program that the student is enrolled in. The program covers associate degrees, advanced certificates, basic certificate, a limited number of Professional & Personal Development courses/programs and Adult Education. Individual courses and additional credentials can be considered, but only through a Credit Appeal which is approved/denied through CHA.

## Who does the program cover?

CHA residents and HCV Program participants that would like to attend the City Colleges of Chicago.

Session	Attend mandatory info session by	Voucher Request Deadline	Registration Deadline	Classes Start
Spring 16 week	12/15/21	1/7/22	1/14/22	1/18/22
Spring 12 week	2/2/22	2/4/22	2/10/22	2/14/22
Spring 8 week	3/3/22	3/4/22	3/10/22	3/14/22

## What are the requirements to be a part of the Partners in Education Program?

- Must be a student at the City Colleges of Chicago
- Must be a CHA resident (this is verified through CHA's operating system, Sales Force)
- Must attend the full duration (1.5 hrs.) of an Information Session Dates are below for your convenience.
- The Partners in Education Program is a last dollar funding source, therefore a student must complete the FAFSA application and include the City Colleges of Chicago campus/college that they plan to attend on the application. Any needed documentation to complete this application must be submitted to the CCC home school before a student can receive a voucher for funding support.
- A student cannot have past debt with the City Colleges of Chicago, however if CCC has allowed the student to set up a payment plan and the student meets all other requirements, the student will be provided with a voucher for the current amount of the semester in which they are enrolled. If the student does not pay the past balance within the current semester they will not be eligible for future funding until the past debt is paid in full.
- Students are not allowed to receive student loans and any past student loans must be in good standing. Loans that are in default will require that the student show proof of a payment plan with the lender. If supporting documentation is not provided to the Partners in Education team, the student will not be eligible for the program. Students who take out loans during the semester should contact their Project Coordinator immediately via email at [ccccha@ccc.edu](mailto:ccccha@ccc.edu) so that the voucher can be voided and notated in CHA's system as well as communicated with the Third Party Staff at CCC. If student does not notify the Partners in Education team of the loan, during reconciliation the voucher will be voided and the student's future eligibility will be at risk.
- Career Advisement/Training Agreement Form must be completed and signed prior to exiting the Information Session.
- Must adhere to CCC Admissions and Enrollment Process and Policies.
- Academic Holds will require that the student go through the appeal process through CCC. The student must show evidence that they have completed the request for appeal. Additionally, the student will need to complete the CHA appeal process for approval of funding support.
- Must adhere to the Partners in Education deadlines. This means that all necessary documentation has to be submitted to the program staff by the deadlines in order to be considered for funding. After reviewing the students request, if additional documentation is required the student will receive a date in which those documents are required by their Project Coordinator. These individual dates are considered on a case by case circumstance.