15 Years of Leading Online Education at CUNY
The CUNY School of Professional Studies (CUNY SPS) provides online and on-campus programs that meet the needs of adults who are looking to finish a bachelor’s degree, progress from an associate’s degree, earn a master’s degree or certificate in a specialized field, and advance in the workplace or change careers.

We launched our first undergraduate degree program in 2006, and now offer 11 bachelor’s degrees and 12 master’s degrees. With over 15 years of experience leading online education at the City University of New York, we offer 10 of our bachelor’s and 10 of our master’s degree programs in a fully online format, allowing students the convenience of learning on their own time while balancing work and family life.

Alongside our classes, we also offer a comprehensive array of services, from tutoring to study abroad opportunities to career counseling, to help students reach their academic, personal, and professional goals.

In addition to our credit-bearing programs, our Office of Professional Education and Workplace Learning creates customized workplace training programs to help people advance their careers and assist organizations in improving their effectiveness. We partner with City and State agencies, non-profit groups, and the private sector to help identify needs and gaps across their workforce. Our innovative and learner-specific programs, which have served over 200,000 workers since 2006, include in-person and online training and project management.

As Dean of CUNY SPS, I am delighted to tell you a bit more about our School and introduce you to some of our hard-working students and alumni.

“CUNY SPS has emerged as the University's leader in online learning, a flexible, low-cost, and empowering pedagogical tool that has provided thousands of working New Yorkers—as well as students around the world—with access to educational opportunities they may not have otherwise.”

Dean John Mogulescu

John Mogulescu
OUR VISION
The CUNY School of Professional Studies (CUNY SPS), grounded in CUNY’s tradition of access and academic excellence, is dedicated to being the University’s premier school for adult learners. Adapting to the needs of our students across a growing range of fields and sectors, we expand CUNY’s ability to address the demands of evolving workplaces and disciplines. With core values of responsiveness and quality, and as the University’s leader in online learning, we will continue to introduce new opportunities that expand the possibility and promise of public education, and position our students to grow personally, excel in the workplace, and enrich their communities.

OUR PURPOSE
We are committed to providing low-cost, quality, and accessible education for working adults in New York City and around the world.

OUR MISSION
The CUNY School of Professional Studies (CUNY SPS) provides online, classroom-based, and customized programs of study that are responsive to the needs of our students and our city, focusing on fields as well as forms of teaching, learning, and scholarship that highlight innovation, personal and social progress, and opportunities for careers and service.
For over 15 years, CUNY SPS has been providing online and on campus programs that respond to the changing needs of our students and our city.

With just under 4,000 students, we take an intimate approach to education. In contrast to many large public universities, our students receive direct, personalized attention throughout their time here.

Our programs are carefully designed to ensure our students gain the critical skills, training, and knowledge needed to become 21st-century professionals.

As part of this, we offer a range of degree programs that prepare students for in-demand jobs in several rapidly growing industries. These include:

- Business (MS)
- Nursing (BS and MS)
- Data Science (MS)

We also offer several specialized programs that prepare our students for stewardship roles that help preserve and advance New York City’s vital social and cultural diversity. These include:

- Disability Studies (BA and MA)
- Youth Studies (MA)
- Museum Studies (MA)
In keeping with our mission, CUNY SPS also offers low in-state tuition to all students enrolled in an online program and opportunities that make attending school more affordable, including Zero Textbook Cost courses, Credit for Prior Learning, and credit for work experience and training, in order to help adult students on their path to college completion and career advancement.

Even at an affordable school like CUNY SPS, tuition for a full-time undergraduate ranges around $7,000 yearly. Our efforts help students lower the costs of their education even further. Students who take Zero Textbook Cost courses do not have to purchase expensive textbooks. And students who receive credit for prior coursework and experience save on tuition since they do not need to take as many classes to graduate.
Remarkable Growth

Launched 23 Degrees since 2006

in the last four years

Enrollment has risen by more than 30%

Over 3,700 in our degree and certificate program and thousands more in non-degree and workforce development programs
...and Recognition
CUNY SPS has been ranked among the highest nationwide, and is the highest listed in NYC and NYS.

Top 5% in U.S. News & World Report’s Best Online Bachelor’s Degree Programs for 2020

12th in the nation
Best Online Bachelor’s Degree Programs for Veterans

16th in the nation
Best Online Bachelor’s Degree Programs for 2020
Our Need

Baly Cooley
(BS in Nursing)
CUNY SPS students are mostly working adults who have come to us with the goal of completing college degrees that they began elsewhere and left unfinished because life got in the way.

80% of undergraduate and 98% of graduate students attend part-time.

Over 90% are 25 years of age or older, with over 68% between the ages of 30 and 64.

The majority live in New York City (68.9%) or New York State (13.6%).

More than 70% of undergraduates and 67% of graduates are from underrepresented groups.

Over 70% of all students are women.

Why Scholarships Matter

CUNY SPS students balance work, school, and family life simultaneously, facing unique personal and financial challenges when returning to college. Many struggle with the costs of higher education, often encountering eligibility barriers for federal financial aid, even as they remain committed to obtaining their degree. CUNY SPS wants to aid our talented, hard-working, and driven students as much as we can. As part of our mission to provide an affordable and accessible education, we seek to offer opportunities that will help support our students financially and ease at least some of their burden of paying for school. Providing scholarships to worthy students in need is one critical way we can help them thrive and complete their degrees.

Joel Thomas
(Advanced Certificate in Project Management)
Our students and graduates are the heart and soul of New York.

- They take care of the sick and disabled.
- They teach our youngest and most vulnerable children.
- They manage important data.
- They run small businesses and hire other New Yorkers.
- They work to keep families together.

But many of them need financial assistance to help them complete their degrees so that they can keep their jobs or advance in their professions.

A gift of:

- $1,000 can finance a three-credit course for an undergraduate student.
- $6,950 provides one year of tuition support for a student.
- $10,000 can support partial scholarships for multiple students.
- $100,000 can fund an endowed scholarship.

At CUNY SPS, even small gifts have enormous impact. For example:

- A gift of $25 to the Founding Dean’s Scholarship Fund will help students complete their degrees.
- A gift of $50 to the Emergency Textbook Fund will help students with textbook assistance.
- A gift of $500 in scholarship support can help cover part of the cost of a student’s tuition.

To make a donation, visit sps.cuny.edu/makeagift
Students and Alumni

Daniel Chan
(MS in Disability Services in Higher Education ’17, MA in Disability Studies ’16, and Advanced Certificate in Disability Studies ’15)

Current Role:
Assistant Director for the Office of AccessABILITY at Hunter College

“CUNY SPS opened up many doors for me to build those relationships and it is not an understatement to say that several of those relationships have very much influenced my career.”

Learn more about Daniel Chan

Stacy Atkinson
(MS in Business Management and Leadership ’17)

Current Role:
Associate Director, Educational Initiatives at Montefiore Health System

“The Master of Science in Business Management and Leadership degree program gave me the opportunity to be promoted from senior project manager to associate director of CME Marketing.”

Learn more about Stacy Atkinson

Harris Kline
(BA in Sociology ’16, Advanced Certificate in Immigration Law ’17, and MA in Disability Studies ’18)

Current Role:
Brigadier General, US Air Force

“My professors at CUNY SPS have all shown themselves to be top-of-the-line educators dedicated to expanding knowledge, encouraging freedom of expression, and supporting exploration.”

Learn more about Harris Kline
## Current Students

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Student Name</th>
<th>Role</th>
<th>Degree</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Amanda Ebokosia</td>
<td>CEO, The Gem Project</td>
<td>MA in Youth Studies</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bonaparte Pierre</td>
<td>Direct Support Professional, Innovative Resources for Independence</td>
<td>BS in Health Services Administration</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Baly Cooley</td>
<td>RN Coordinator, Planned Parenthood of Greater New York</td>
<td>BS in Nursing</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Amanda Ebokosia (MA in Youth Studies)**

“The intimate and supportive culture at CUNY SPS allows one to blossom as a scholar and practitioner simultaneously.”

**Bonaparte Pierre (BS in Health Services Administration)**

“In terms of impact, the degree will eventually help me to get work in greater and more complex facilities.”

**Baly Cooley (BS in Nursing)**

“Just turned 47 and am now a nurse at Planned Parenthood…Next semester I will earn my BSN with a capstone project that we’ll be able to use there to provide better care. I couldn’t have asked for a better second act.”

Learn more about [Amanda Ebokosia](#)

Learn more about [Bonaparte Pierre](#)

Learn more about [Baly Cooley](#)