

Queens College Has Undergone A Transformation!

For generations, young women came to Queens College for the education they needed to succeed in life. Today, the Queens student may be the son, daughter, husband -- or mother -- of one of those traditional students, and they have the same goal: higher education.

Queens, historically a fine liberal arts college for women, has undergone a transformation in the 1970s. It now provides undergraduate and graduate education for both men and women, with special programs to meet the needs of people in the 1980s.

It has become, says President Dr. Billy O. Wireman, "a flourishing institution recognized for innovative educational approaches built on a solid 123-year foundation."

Queens today is made up of four divisions:

--The College of Arts and Sciences is the traditional undergraduate college for young women, with a special program -- New Dimensions -- for women past their mid-20s who want to return to college.

--The New College at Queens allows men and women with other full-time commitments to take courses for credit in the evenings and Saturdays.

--The Graduate School at Queens, also offering coeducational evening and Saturday classes, provides studies for the Master of Business Administration degree.



Queens College students enjoy a moment of relaxation on campus during a class break. They are, left to right, Casey Smith, Pinkie Smith and Martha Wood.

--The Queens Institute of Lifelong Learning is the place where thousands of people take non-credit courses, some for specific skills and other for personal enrichment, some offered on-campus

and others through Charlotte-area businesses. Courses range from creative writing and poetry to income tax preparation and business communications.

"People know the difference education can make in their lives, both professionally and personally, and people these days are pretty clear on what they want," said Wireman. "Queens, with a campus that's easy to get to and the ability to expand its already fine academic program, now is making it possible for people to reach their educational goals."

New Dimensions and New College students are typical of the people making that extra commitment to get a higher education.

Most New College students already are well into a career and putting in full days, at their jobs; most of these men and women come directly to the campus from work. Many are in their 20s and 30s, but they also sit next to business people in their 40s and 50s. They major in business, psychology or English; some take prerequisite courses for admission to the MBA program, and others enroll in specialized career-related classes.

As Mark Epstein, a manager with Pacer Manufacturing Corp. and a New College student said, "There's nothing static about my career plans. For me -- where I am right now -- New College at Queens offers the education I need for advancement. I intend to get where I'm going, and Queens has

opened the door."

Students in the New Dimensions program are as varied as any group of people but they share one thing in common: they're going to college at a non-traditional time in their lives. For some that may mean starting college for the first time in their 30s and 40s; for others it means returning to college work after many years away. The support network they build helps with their special needs, and the New Dimensions program itself provides counseling, workshops tailored to their problems, career-planning advice and a curriculum geared to the individual's own pace.

One New Dimensions student, Martha Nash, jokes that when she first went to college a decade ago, she majored in "having a good time." When she applied at Queens, she worried about her earlier poor grades; now, more mature, she not only was able to handle Queens work but came through with a 3.9 grade point average and received scholarship and leadership honors.

Even the young women coming to Queens directly from high school take a different approach to their Queens education. All facets of the college are guided by the Queens Concept, total living-learning outlook on liberal arts education.

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"There are plenty of things I can do, but the things I want to do require a college degree. New College at Queens offers, on a schedule that's convenient to me, the business administration degree that I need. I'm a good secretary; I've worked in early childhood education and in a political campaign. My family home and garden keep me busy, too. But I think the business world is stimulating, and I want to go into management. To get where I want to be professionally, I'll depend on my own initiative...and on New College at Queens."

--Shirley Simpson

Shirley Simpson, like others who attend New College on the conveniently-located Queens campus, has decided now is the time to advance her career. Bankers, plant managers, business owners, executives and other secretaries who join Shirley in the evening and Saturday classes of New College at Queens have made that same decision, so when they get together, they talk about their courses, their jobs and their hopes for the future.

If you have decided now is the time to prepare for career advancement. New College at Queens is the place for you, too.

This is New College:

- It's for men and women 18 and older
- Saturday and evening classes
- Majors in business, psychology and plus other professional courses
- All MBA prerequisites

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Shirley Simpson
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