

College of Staten Island



After-school education plays an increasingly vital role in the lives of kids, including those who live in low income families. The Center for After-School Excellence, founded by The After-School Corporation (TASC) in 2006, is dedicated to ensuring that during the critical afternoon hours, young people are supervised and instructed by well-trained staff in high-quality after-school programs.

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Excellence in After-School *(Spring 2009 & Fall 2010)* A Center Program

The College of Staten Island, in collaboration with The Center for After-School Excellence at TASC, will offer a credit bearing program starting January 2010 entitled "Building Excellence in After-School." ***Issues related to after-school will be discussed in all classes.***

Course Offerings

- **English: Introduction to College Writing**
Introduction to and development of critical and analytic writing/reading/thinking skills through class discussion of student work and relevant after-school and youth development articles. Intensive instruction in techniques for the planning, drafting, revising, and editing of college-level expository essays. Introduction to using various research options.
- **Dramatic Arts: Theater for Young People**
Theory and methods of producing theater for young people. An examination of appropriate dramatic literature, as well as the problems of play production for and with children and adolescents. Creative drama as an educational process will be viewed in relationship to theater for young people as an aesthetic product. Students will develop dramatic material in class for presentation.
- **Introduction to After-School Programs**
This course introduces students to the growing field of after-school. It will provide students with an understanding of how politics, government, and society have impacted the after-school profession. Students will also become familiar with the components and resources needed to implement, manage, and evaluate after-school programs serving diverse communities.
- **Psychology**
A study of the important facts and theories concerning human behavior and its motivation. Included will be: research methodology and at least three topics from learning, cognition, testing, and physiology - all relevant to understanding the stages of child development and behavior.

Participants will earn at least 9 college credits. An additional course in the arts is being finalized. Classes will be held on weekday mornings.