

Community College of Philadelphia's Reentry Support Project

Fostering higher education success among Community College of Philadelphia students with criminal records

The Reentry Support Project is Recruiting for Its Spring 2017 REACH and Future Forward Programs!

At Community College of Philadelphia, the Reentry Support Project's REACH and Future Forward programs help students with criminal records transition to higher education. During their first semester, REACH and Future Forward students take three to four College courses alongside program peers. They also participate in personal, academic, and professional development workshops and a student support group. Transportation assistance is provided along with access to many additional services, resources, benefits, and incentives. As of Fall 2016, over 250 students have successfully completed their first semester at Community College of Philadelphia while participating in REACH or Future Forward. To see if you can qualify as an applicant for one of these programs, carefully review the information below.



To apply for REACH, the following statements must be true:

- The applicant has 1 or more felony convictions.
- The applicant was released from incarceration in the past 2 years and is under county, state, or federal supervision (probation/parole) OR residing in a community corrections facility, treatment facility, work release facility, or under house arrest. Note that applicants who maxed out in the past 6 months may also be considered.
- The applicant has no open, active cases.
- The applicant has no convictions for violent sex offenses or arson since turning 18 years old.
- The applicant will be available every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30am-4:00pm January through May, 2017, and has no foreseeable work or personal obligations that could interfere with program attendance.

To apply for Future Forward, the following statements must be true:

- The applicant has been *charged* with committing his or her first felony (not convicted).
- The applicant has been referred by a Philadelphia judge or attorney in contact with the District Attorney's office.
- The applicant will be available for weekday morning and afternoon classes and has no foreseeable work or other obligations that could interfere with program attendance.

For all REACH and Future Forward applicants, the following statements must be true:



- The applicant is a US citizen and speaks, writes, and reads English fluently.
- The applicant has a secondary school credential (GED or high school diploma).
- The applicant has no default federal student loans from past college, trade, or technical school enrollment.
- The applicant was unemployed or earned very low taxable income in 2015 and 2016 (if single, less than \$10,500).
- The applicant is a Philadelphia County resident and anticipates living in Philadelphia for the next 12 months.
- The applicant has never enrolled in College courses at Community College of Philadelphia or the applicant has previous enrollment history but does not owe the College any fines or fees.
- The applicant is legally single, widowed, separated, or divorced and is 25 years of age or older. *NOTE:* If the applicant is legally married and/or under 25 years of age, the applicant may still qualify for REACH or Future Forward, but the applicant must complete the federal student financial aid application (FAFSA) process on his or her own and must be approved for aid by the College before he or she can be accepted into REACH or Future Forward.

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If you meet ALL requirements, call (267) 299-5979 or email reentry@ccp.edu

Applicants must have an appointment with the Reentry Support Project before visiting the office. Please note that meeting all criteria on this flyer does not guarantee acceptance into REACH or Future Forward. Applicants must complete additional steps to determine their eligibility for either program. Some applicants may be advised to apply to the College as traditional students instead of applying through the Reentry Support Project.

The Reentry Support Project is an initiative of the College's Fox Rothschild Center for Law and Society