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About CE at Hunter:

Continuing Education has offered a rich variety of certificate programs, personal enrichment and professional development courses since 1998. We help you learn the latest professional skills needed to get and keep the job of your dreams or simply to broaden your knowledge of the world around you. We offer a variety of cutting-edge Certificate Programs in the hottest fields today including: Graphic Design, Marketing, Medical Coding and Billing, Translation & Interpretation, TESOL, and many more.

Certificate In Legal Studies:

"I never would have applied or gotten an interview for my new paralegal job at the Legal Aid Society if I hadn't taken Legal Research and Writing and Drafting Legal Instruments."

— ELLEN SANDHAUS

*Policy Analyst and Legislative Reference Assistant
NYC Office of Management and Budget, Intergovernmental Relations*



"The Hunter College Legal Studies program is a worthwhile investment. The CE office is professional and helpful. The instructors are all professional and qualified instructors. Working at a major law firm has taught me much. But the CE Legal Studies program has brought me to a far deeper level of knowledge. I strongly recommend this program."

— DARLENE I.

Certificate In Marketing:

"Continuing my education has been beneficial both personally and professionally. After a successful career, I wanted to enhance my skills, particularly in the field of Digital Marketing. Returning to school was instrumental in defining my next career move and keeping me one step ahead of the competition. Learning is a lifelong endeavor!"

—AUDREY PASS

Current employment: Chief Marketing Officer, Empire State Realty Trust, Inc.

Writing Courses: The Story Of My Life: The Craft Of Writing Memoirs

"I had the pleasure to take a memoir writing class with Sidney Offit. The benefit of the class was profound. His clarity of instruction, teaching style, technique, and humor gave me precisely the direction I needed to write my memoir. He encouraged his students and gave us the confidence we needed to overcome the reluctance many of us have, to express our life stories. As a result, I was able to get my memoir published by Arcade Publishing, which has been well received and well reviewed. I owe that to Mr. Offit."

—SABEEHA REHMAN

Author of Threading My Prayer Rug, One Woman's Journey from Pakistani Muslim to American Muslim. Arcade Publishing, 2016.

"I am writing this as a pupil, and huge fan, of Mr. Sidney Offit. Having taken his writing class at Hunter I found the encouragement I needed to begin my book. Not only is Mr. Offit a successful writer himself he is the rare teacher who can help you develop your unique voice. His book A BOOKIE'S SON is one of my favorite memoirs. As a teacher in either fiction or memoir his class work and editorial comments enhance the clarity of your story with his focus on theme and grammar. Because of the teaching and encouragement of Sidney Offit I am now on the final edit of my memoir PARTY OF THE FIRST PART, Madame Bovary meets Alfred E. Neuman, about my 1950s and sixties Manhattan childhood with a 'Mad Man' father and a famous model mother. Mr. Offit is caring, eloquent and knowledgeable. A wonderful combination in a teacher, and one I highly recommend for anyone who wants to write."

—DORE H.



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Scholarship Winner Testimonials

Adult and Continuing Education Scholarship Fund: This scholarship fund, which is generously supported by the Helena Rubinstein Foundation, is the first such program at CUNY for individuals enrolling in adult and continuing education programs. It is open to individuals who seek to advance their careers through learning and gaining new skills, and who do not have access to other sources of funding that can pay for tuition and fees. The courses for which scholarships are awarded may be in any field, and may be credit-bearing or non-credit. They may be single courses, or part of a certificate program that includes several courses. This scholarship has already helped several of our students. See their testimonials below:

DARCIE HARPER: Being rewarded a Helena Rubinstein scholarship is a true gift that I will benefit from greatly. Having been laid off from a job in the Fashion Industry, I made a courageous decision to begin a new career path. Already having a Fashion degree behind me and several years of experience in the fashion industry, I am ready for a more rewarding and satisfying career. So not only does this scholarship help me financially, but more importantly I will be able to earn my paralegal certificate and achieve my goal of becoming a paralegal. The staff in the Continuing Education Department has gone above and beyond in their help and assistance from the moment I first walked in to learn about the program. Had they not informed me of this opportunity in helping me achieve my goal, then I would not have known about it. The staff has truly cared and their kindness and sincerity has not gone unnoticed.

DORIS PANIÑO: I am deeply grateful to you and your staff for the support, help and guidance that I received from all of you when I decided to apply for the Helena Rubinstein Foundation Scholarship. Everyone helped in such a way, that I want to share my joy with the entire staff of Continuing Ed. I am sure that without your cooperation the results would have been much different. I remember to be surprised to find such, "cool", people on such a hot summer day. When I went to Mr. Gallardo's office on August 21st, I thought he was simply going to sign a form which I would have to mail along with my application to CUNY. As soon as he heard me say that it was my application for the scholarship, he immediately got out of his chair and went to the secretary. He asked her to redo the forms, by hand, and send them ASAP. All I had to do was to sign the forms, and they took care of the rest. The next thing I knew, I received an e-mail from CUNY on September 12th. "I am pleased to inform you that the review committee has chosen to award you a scholarship in the amount of..." I am still shaken. It was such a surprise that there are no words to express the intensity of my feelings, and also the great relief of knowing that I can go ahead with my studies. This scholarship will allow me to continue on my quest of obtaining the Certificate as Translator and Interpreter. Mil gracias a Dios, al universo y a todos los demás participantes en este grato acontecimiento. Espero verlos a todos el día de mi graduación.

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- ⇒ Cristian Gallardo, *Alum.*
Deputy Director of Continuing Education & Special Programs at Hunter College.
- ⇒ Aisha Laspina, *Alum.* Marketing Communications Manager, CEP at Hunter College.
- ⇒ Anita Furman, *Alum.* Program Coordinator, HC Senate.