Professional Development and Study Abroad Program

Hostos Community College | CUNY

Coming Summer 2027

Applications for Summer 2027 for Professional Development and Study Abroad Program in the Dominican Republic are Opening Soon!

Our program on the education of Dominicans is an international teacher training offered by Hostos Community College in collaboration with New York City CUNY colleges, New York City public schools, CBO-Cultural Centers and Higher Learning Institutions, and the Ministry of Education in the Dominican Republic.

Curriculum Design and Transformative Experiences

Classes emphasize art, history, and culture, as well as the education of Dominicans and other ELL children. Participants work in groups to develop projects and curriculum for their students. Project presentations culminate the course and include discussions on learning experiences, curriculum design, and activities tailored to the student population. Curriculums developed by previous participants focus on gender, race, ethnicity, and identity. The discussion includes the immigrant experience of English language learners.

Exploration of effective teaching strategies and best practices across all academic subjects. Alumni have praised the program as a life-changing experience that will inform their work as educators for years to come.

The program culminates with a mini-symposium. Each presenter showcases his or her project. Post-event, participants who complete the Continuing Teacher and Leader Education Program receive a certificate.

Itinerary: June & July 2027

New York City June 2027
Participants attend a series of professional development workshops, facilitated by local partners from the New York City Department of Education, faculty at CUNY campuses, and organizations serving English Language Learner students.

Dominican Republic July 2027
The group travels to the Dominican Republic for a 10-day program that includes cultural and academic enrichment training. They receive lectures and workshops from faculty members of international institutions. The program offers site visits to public schools, the National Palace, cultural centers, museums, art galleries, and historical sites.

Application Packet (Due date TBD)

Packet includes:

- Application Form and emergency contact information
- Letter of recommendation from a supervisor or school principal if you are a teacher
- A one-page personal statement explaining your reasons for participating in the program

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