

DIVISION OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES AT CENTER FOR WORKER EDUCATION (CWE) FACT SHEET

FOUNDED:	1981
LOCATED:	25 Broadway, 7 th Floor, New York City
MISSION STATEMENT	<p>The primary mission of the Center for Worker Education (CWE) is to provide an excellent education to working adults from New York City and surrounding regions. CWE offers an interdisciplinary Bachelor of Arts degree, an early childhood education Bachelor of Science degree and a number of certificate programs. CWE's courses and educational programs are designed especially for non-traditional students whose access to higher education may have been limited or interrupted due to financial limitations, work responsibilities, and family obligations. A spirit of open inquiry, curricular innovation and academic integrity are linchpins of the CWE mission. Equally important are respect for diversity among faculty, staff and students and a continuous search for our common ground as learners, teachers and scholars. In providing its program, CWE seeks mutually beneficial relationships with labor unions, New York City agencies, private employers, and community organizations who share our educational mission. With a dual focus on excellence and access and by reaching out to the community, CWE aims to be a positive force in lower Manhattan and in the New York metropolitan area.</p>
FOUNDERS:	<p>Michael Arons, Professor of Physics, CCNY; Marshall Berman, Professor of Political Science, CCNY; Fred Canavan, Assistant Director, Leadership Program, N.E Region, U.S. Office of Personnel Management; Alice Chandler, Acting President, CCNY, 1978-1979; Barry Feinstein, President, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 237; Stanley Friedlander, Professor of Economics, CCNY; Stephen Leberstein, Assistant to the Provost, CCNY; Director, Program for Public Employees at 26 Federal Plaza; Paul Le Clerc, Dean of Academic Affairs, CUNY; Joe McDermott, Education Director, Teamsters, Local 237; Barbara Omolade, Educator, Teamsters Local 237 and Empire State College; Daniel Parker, Director, Leadership Program, N.E Region, U.S. Office of Personnel Management; Irwin Polishook, President, Professional Staff</p>

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Dean	Juan Carlos Mercado
DEGREES OFFERED:	B.A. Interdisciplinary/Liberal Arts and B.S. Early Childhood Education
CONCENTRATIONS OFFERED:	Literature, Communications & the Arts; Human Services; Public Administration; Cultural and Historical Studies; and Labor Studies
CURRENT ADMINISTRATORS:	Juan Carlos Mercado, Dean Kathlene McDonald, Chair
NUMBER OF FULL-TIME FACULTY:	11
NUMBER OF PART-TIME FACULTY	60
NUMBER OF ACADEMIC ADVISORS:	Six
STUDENT POPULATION:	750 students
FEMALE/MALE RATIO:	80/20
AVERAGE AGE OF STUDENT:	30
STUDENT RESIDENCE:	All five boroughs and the tri-state area. The majority of students reside in Manhattan and Brooklyn, followed by Bronx and Queens.
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