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“Translating noncollegiate learning into college credit recommendations while increasing access to Higher Education for working adults”



Quality, Safety, Unity

The New York City District Council of Carpenters and Joiners of America is a representative body comprised of ten individual Locals and 25,000 union

members. The District Council functions as the voice for thousands of New York City’s most dedicated and skilled carpenters, millwrights, dock builders, residential carpenters, cabinetmakers and floor covers.

The training center is located in Manhattan’s West Village neighborhood. Over 1,800 apprentices engage in four-year and five-year programs, which require 144 hours of instruction per year and an annual minimum of 1,300 work hours on construction job sites for signatory contractors.

At the beginning of November, National PONSI staff visited the New York City District Council of Carpenters and reviewed twenty-one (21) courses from their [four-year carpentry program](#).

Anthony Cioffi, Chair of Construction Management, NYC College of Technology, and Nancy Macdonald, Professor, Division of Building Technology, SUNY at Delhi served as team members. Representing the New York City District Council of Carpenters were Martin T. Daly, Director of Training, Anne Rascón, Director of Planning and Eric Anderson, Assistant Director.

Martin Daly, Anne Rascón, Prof. Macdonald, Prof. Cioffi and Eric Anderson (l to r)



Quote of the Month...

“Education is not the filling of a bucket, but the lighting of a fire.” W. B. Yeats

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On the Road Again...

Pre-evaluation visit leads to successful review for the AHRC of New York City

In March, a pre-evaluation visit to the AHRC of NYC resulted in a conditional credit recommendation for a proposed course for camp-based employees, addressing multi-disciplinary approaches to developmental disabilities.

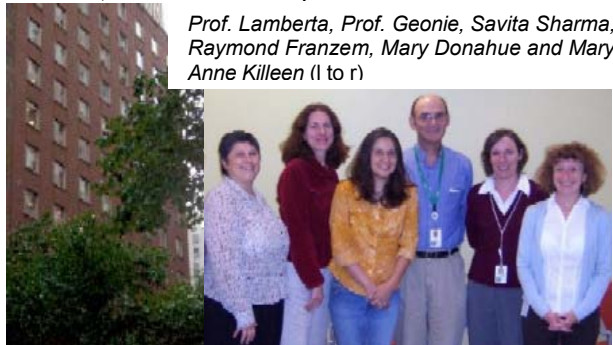
A National PONSI team of reviewers, including Gail Lamberta, Chair, Recreation Department, St. Joseph's College and Elena Geonie, Rehabilitation Counselor and Adjunct Assistant Professor at Suffolk County Community College, reviewed instructional materials and proposed evaluation instruments and offered guidance for a successful roll-out.

The team was encouraged by the rigor and sophistication of the course and were favorably disposed to consider awarding a credit recommendation, once the course had been administered and they returned to review student completed and graded work. (continued on page 2)



In October, following the successful launch of the course, the team returned to the AHRC to interact with administrators and instructors and to review the additional materials collected for their consideration. With their initial positive impression reinforced, the team confirmed the [credit recommendation](#) and extended it to agency-based employees, as well. National PONSI staff has discovered that this two-phase evaluation process provides time for a full complement of services and can significantly lead to the issuance of college credit recommendations.

Representing the AHRC were Mary Anne Killeen, Director of Camping and Recreation; Raymond Franzem, Director of Internships; Mary Donahue, Director of Psychological Services; and Savita Sharma, Director of Camp Anne.



Prof. Lamberta, Prof. Geonie, Savita Sharma, Raymond Franzem, Mary Donahue and Mary Anne Killeen (l to r)

NYS Department of State Receives Revalidated Credit Recommendation



Revalidating college credit recommendations every five years is a hallmark of the National PONSI evaluation process. Along with annual surveys, recently

sent to all member organizations, revalidations help ensure the continued validity of the credit recommendations. National PONSI staff visited the [NYS Department of State](#) three times over the past 10 years, once to initially approve a credit recommendation for the Family Development Credential Program (FDC) in 1997 and then to revalidate it in 2002 and 2007.

The FDC Program was developed by Cornell University's College of Human Ecology in cooperation with the Department of State and has been successfully implemented at agencies statewide. Well-respected and effective in fostering a paradigm shift in the way family services are delivered, the FDC emphasizes a strengths-based approach to empower families. Somewhat of a grass-roots movement, the FDC has spread throughout the U.S. and seven

states have received college credit recommendations for their implementation of the program. Professor Debra Fromm Faria, Director of Field Education for the Greater Rochester Collaborative MSW Program at SUNY Brockport, joined National PONSI staff on this review team.

Representing the Department of State were Annette Marchese, Community Service Program Analyst; Bill Breidinger, Special Projects Director; and Suzanne Lehtonen, Specialist, Division of Community Services. Representing Cornell University were Claire Forrest, Director, Cornell Empowering Families Project, and author and co-author of the FDC texts; Katie Palmer-House, FDC Senior Instructor; and Joan Padula, FDC Program Manager.

New York City Fire Department



Prof. DeBobes, Prof. Connolly, Lt. Charles Marshall, Bat. Chief Frank Montagna and Prof. Corbett (l to r)



For the second time within a two-month period, National PONSI evaluated courses for the New York City Fire Department (FDNY). The first visit involved EMS courses (see November's issue). The second visit concentrated on [FDNY's Fire Science Program](#) with twenty-six (26) courses being evaluated.



The team worked at two locations in the Borough of Queens: Randall's Island and Fort Totten. The evaluators were Marc Connolly, Manager, Emergency Services Programs, Monroe Community College; Glenn Corbett, Associate Professor, Department of Public Management, John Jay College of Criminal Justice; Leo DeBobes, Clinical Assistant Professor, School of Health Technology and Management, SUNY Stony Brook.

Representing the NYC Fire Academy were several senior officials and administrators, including Battalion Chief Frank Montagna, Captain John Nykiel and Registrar Jacqueline Bradnock-Merveil.

A Friendly Reminder to our Member Organizations

As of this newsletter, we are still waiting to hear from several of our member organizations regarding the Annual Review notice sent out in September requesting a report of any changes in the learning experiences offered. If you have not done so already, please send us any changes, along with the Annual Review List, as soon as possible.



Thank you.



These Colleges and Universities have Profiles on our Website that Highlight the Special Degree Options and Services They Offer to Working Adults and Nontraditional Students

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State University, AR

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St. Paul, MN

[Biola University](#)
La Mirada, CA

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Bethpage, NY

[California Coast University](#)
Santa Ana, CA

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Mt. Pleasant, MI

[Charter Oak State College](#)
New Britain, CT

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Philadelphia, PA

[Chicago State University](#)
Chicago, IL

[Cleveland Institute of Electronics](#)
Cleveland, OH

[Columbia Southern University](#)
Orange Beach, AL

[Delaware County Community College](#)
Media, PA

[Dowling College](#)
Oakdale, NY

[Empire State College](#)
[\(State University of New York\)](#)
Saratoga Springs, NY

[Excelsior College](#)
Albany, NY

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San Francisco, CA

[Immaculata University](#)
Immaculata, PA

[Indiana University](#)
Bloomington, IN

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Pittsburgh, PA

[Manhattan College](#)
Riverdale, NY

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Fond Du Lac, WI

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Poughkeepsie, NY

[Mercy College](#)
Dobbs Ferry, NY

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[Monmouth University](#)
West Long Branch, NJ

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Billings, MT

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Boston, MA

[Nova Southeastern University](#)
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

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Nyack, NY

[Oakland City University](#)
Oakland City, IN

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Standish, ME

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Loudonville, NY

[Skidmore College - University Without Walls](#)
Saratoga Springs, NY

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