

# Quincy College



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## **Free First Class for Adult Learners at Quincy College**

***Quincy College's New Adult Advantage Program and its "Free First Class Treatment" Scholarship makes returning to college accessible and attainable for Massachusetts residents ages 30 and older***



***The Quincy College Adult Advantage Program is open to all MA residents ages 30 and older. New Quincy College students can take advantage of the free first class treatment***

**Social Release (114 Characters): .@QuincyCollege unveils #AdultAdvantage Program & #Free First Class Treatment Scholarship for MA Residents Age 30+**

**Quincy, MA and Plymouth, MA (12/16/2016) -**

Quincy College with campuses in Quincy and Plymouth, MA has established a new program for adult learners called the *Adult Advantage Program* in response to growing need for further education for Massachusetts residents aged 30 and older. This program includes personalized assistance for the adult learner to make returning to college accessible and attainable.

Under the *Adult Advantage Program*, new first-time Quincy College students, aged 30 and older are eligible for the "Free First Class Treatment for Adult Learners" scholarship which provides them with free tuition and no fees for their first Quincy College class. Returning Adult students can take advantage of customized student focused services as part of *Adult Advantage Program*.

The *Adult Advantage Program* is open to all students 30 years old and older who are Massachusetts residents. New first-time students are eligible for the "Free First Class Treatment for Adult Learners" scholarship which covers tuition and fees for their first General Education or Business course, offered online and on both the Quincy and Plymouth Campuses. The complete course offerings can be found on the [Adult Advantage Program website](#).

Qualified students receiving the "Free First Class Treatment for Adult Learners" scholarship are responsible for textbooks and supplies. The *Adult Advantage Program* and the "Free First Class Treatment for Adult Learners" scholarship are available for the Spring 2017 Semester (classes begin January 23rd).

Under the *Adult Advantage Program*, new Quincy College adult learners can utilize the "Free First Class Treatment for Adult Learners" scholarship applied to their first course and can continue on and apply as a full-time or part-time student and pursue a degree or certificate at Quincy College. All tuition and fees are the responsibility of the student beyond the "Free First Class Treatment for Adult Learners" scholarship. Students may apply for Financial Aid.

The goal of this program is to afford the adult learner population the opportunity to sample a Quincy College course at no risk and at little to no cost. Quincy College will provide all *Adult Advantage Program* students with dedicated adult learner liaisons to address the unique needs of the adult learner and assist them in their return to the classroom.

"Re-entry into higher education presents many questions for adult learners. Quincy College's dedicated advisers provide personalized assistance to adult learners. Our all-inclusive student services such as free tutoring and financial aid assist students every step of the way. Quincy College is uniquely positioned to offer these resources customized for the adult learner. This program provides the gift of education," Eric Clark, Quincy College Director of Admissions states.

Included in the *Adult Advantage Program* are adult learner liaisons in every student facing office at Quincy College including Academic Advising, Admissions, Financial Aid, Registrar, and Student Accounts to address the unique needs of an adult student as well as access to Quincy College's student services including free tutoring services, student success coaches, and veteran specific support.

For more information on the Quincy College *Adult Advantage Program*, please visit: [www.quincycollege.edu/advantage](http://www.quincycollege.edu/advantage)

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**Quincy College Ranked #1 two-year public college in Massachusetts for adult learners**

Quincy College was recognized this year as the #1 Ranked, [two-year public college](#) in Massachusetts for adult learners (students over the age of twenty-five) by [Washington Monthly](#). Currently, Quincy College serves a large adult learner population on both their Quincy and Plymouth Campuses this Fall with 28% of registered students aged 30 or older. Inspired by this recognition, Quincy College has inaugurated the *Adult Advantage Program* and the "Free First Class Treatment for Adult Learners" as way to give the gift of education to even more adult learners.

The *Washington Monthly* ranking- when coupled with the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard ranking of Quincy College students as top salary earners in Massachusetts and New England across two-year public colleges highlights the successful outcomes of Quincy College students and reflects the outstanding value [beyond the classroom](#) for all learners, regardless of age, of a Quincy College education.

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### **The Quincy College Focus on Adult Learners and Significance of Post-Secondary Education for Massachusetts Residents Age 30 and Older**

"We appreciate the importance of post-secondary education to our students - many of whom juggle significant parenting and work responsibilities along with their studies so that they can secure even more promising futures for themselves and their families. True to our mission of open-access for learners of all ages, Quincy College provides a range of support services, including free tutoring, success coaches, and one-on-one advising, as well as small class sizes which foster close interaction with faculty," said Quincy College Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs, Aundrea Kelley.

In addition to its "Free First Class Treatment" scholarship and the *Adult Advantage Program*, Quincy College offers courses in both traditional 15-week and intensive abbreviated FLEX semester formats as well as courses during days, evenings, and weekends. These options help expand access and opportunity for all students, from recent high school graduates to out-of-work or career-changing adults seeking a new skill set or the foundation needed for baccalaureate degrees.

Quincy College's [programs](#), [partnerships](#), and curriculum address a critical skills gap for the Commonwealth and the New England region. Ongoing collaboration with the College's multiple industry advisory boards keeps course offerings relevant to industry needs, establishes workforce pipelines, and helps students of all ages maximize their return on investment in their studies. In direct response to industry need and student demand, during the 2016 academic year, Quincy College developed six [new program offerings](#) including certificate programs in aquaculture, web and mobile development, customer service, and entrepreneurship as well as a non-credit certificate in event planning.

President Peter H. Tsaffaras reflects on how the *Adult Advantage Program* aligns with the College's goals: "Our goal is to provide people with an education that allows them to become socially and economically productive members of the communities of which we serve. The Adult Advantage program indicates that we are making progress on behalf of our students in achieving our goal."

In addition to curriculum updates to support students of all ages, Quincy College has also hired new staff and developed the [Office of Workforce Development](#) to support the unique needs of the adult learning community. The Office of Workforce Development fosters collaboration between Quincy College and individual businesses, the non-profit sector, local agencies, industry associations, and government agencies with the purpose of using the combined resources of all partners to create alternative educational opportunities for non-traditional students.



## About Quincy College

Founded in 1958, Quincy College is a two-year, municipally affiliated community college serving approximately 4,500 students at campuses located in Quincy and Plymouth, Massachusetts. Quincy College is an open access institution that encourages academic achievement and excellence, diversity, economic opportunity, community involvement, and lifelong learning. The College facilitates valuable learning relationships that inspire students to realize their educational and professional futures. The college offers 35 associate degree programs and 21 certificate programs in a variety of disciplines, including those within Professional Programs, Liberal Arts, Natural & Health Sciences and Nursing. The college is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and is licensed by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education to grant the degrees of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science. The college draws a diversity of students from the greater Boston area as well as 121 countries around the world. For additional information, visit [www.quincycollege.edu](http://www.quincycollege.edu)

