When Borough of Manhattan Community College was founded in 1963 in midtown Manhattan, its primary educational focus was on providing business programs to meet the personnel needs of the surrounding business community. BMCC also offered general liberal arts programs for students seeking to transfer to four-year colleges. Enrollment increased as the educational scope of the College shifted and expanded into the health fields and multimedia arts. A new building spanning four city blocks—from Chambers Street to North Moore Street—was constructed in lower Manhattan to serve as the school’s main campus. It opened in January 1983. BMCC is now the largest community college in the City University of New York system and the only community college in Manhattan.
199 Chambers Street, between West and Greenwich Streets, a part of the vibrant downtown neighborhood of Tribeca.
BMCC is a microcosm of the ethnically diverse city it serves—a vital, engaged community of students representing more than one hundred nations. The College attracts bright, ambitious individuals of every age who are seeking intellectual enrichment. It is particularly well suited to those who are seeking a supportive environment in which to start their college career.

Enrollment
Total spring 2006 enrollment was 18,425. There were 10,130 full-time students and 8,295 part-time students.

Profile*
- Black: 35%
- Latino: 29%
- Asian: 10%
- White: 13%
- Native American: 0.2%
- Women: 63.6%
- Men: 36.4%
- Median age: 23

*Spring 2006 Enrollment Figures
86% of Students Transfer to 4-Year Colleges

Top Five Colleges Students Transfer to:
1. Baruch, CUNY
2. Hunter, CUNY
3. New York University
4. State University of New York
5. Vassar
The College awards associate degrees in science (AS), Arts (AA), and Applied Science (AAS) in twenty-three fields. BMCC is especially known for its outstanding Nursing and Allied Health departments. The College's Allied Health program was the first nationally certified EMT/paramedic program in New York State. In addition, the school offers a fully accredited Nursing and Health Information Management Technology programs that are offered both in day and evening classes.

Respected nationally for its rigorous academic standards and the caliber of its graduates, BMCC takes pride in such innovative academic programs as in multimedia programming and design which is funded by grants from Microsoft and the National Science Foundation.
The U.S. Department of Education and the Institute of International Education ranks BMCC as being #1 in awarding degrees to African-Americans in the Northeast; #2 for awarding associate degrees in business; and #3 for awarding associate degrees in communications technology.
BMCC is New York City—a vital, richly diverse community, with talented, ambitious students and a distinguished faculty.
The faculty at BMCC does more than teach; they publish, mentor and advise, and very often become a student’s best role model. In and out of the classroom, students at BMCC get to know and work along side accomplished academics, scientists, writers, and performers. There are 414 full-time and 790 part-time faculty members.
The BMCC Foundation

The BMCC Foundation is dedicated to seeing that all students—regardless of their financial resources—will be able to pursue their dreams of a college education. Through outreach initiatives and major support from private donors, the Foundation oversees more than 200 scholarships.

Alumni

BMCC takes great pride in the caliber of its graduates. They are in every field, from business to the performing arts. These alumni show their appreciation of what they received from BMCC by giving back to the College to help successive generations of BMCC students.
The main campus of the College is situated on 4.28 acres in downtown Manhattan, in a building that was designed with the harbor in mind—shaped like a ship with its helm pointed to sea. Besides classrooms, laboratories, and lecture halls, the building features three theaters, a large 1,000 seat-auditorium, a more intimate, 229-seat performing space, and a 99-seat “black box.”

Fiterman Hall, donated to the College in September 1993 as the largest single donation ever made to a community college, was severely damaged in the aftermath of the World Trade Center tragedy. It is due to be demolished starting in the fall, 2005 and be built by spring, 2008. The architectural firm selected for the project is Pei Cobb Freed & Partners. In the interim, the College has leased space at 75 Park Place for additional classrooms and offices.

BMCC has also expanded to two uptown sites: in Harlem at Theresa Towers, 125th Street and Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Boulevard; and in Inwood at 108 Cooper Street at 207th Street.
Library and Support Centers for Teaching and Learning

A. Philip Randolph Memorial Library, part of the CUNY library system, houses a collection of 120,000 volumes, 20,000 electronic journals, and 15,000 electronic books. Its 550 study carrels are wired for audio use.

Early Childhood Center and Family Daycare Network provides quality childcare and early childhood education for BMCC students and their children. The Early Childhood Center offers day, evening, and Saturday hours for children between 2.9 and six years of age. The Family Daycare Network, supervised by the Center, consists of a group of licensed day care homes serving children between two months and twelve years of age.
Learning Resource Center provides students with services designed to strengthen academic skills and meet learning needs. The Center coordinates a tutorial program, instructional computer labs, tutor-conducted study skills workshops, and non-print instructional material. Students also receive tutorial in math, ESL, reading, science, basic writing, and writing. All services are free of charge to registered BMCC students, faculty, and staff.

Media Center, one of the finest and most technologically advanced in the country, consists of two television studios, a suite of digital and analog video-editing systems, an on-line editing room, a distance-learning video teleconferencing room, and a master control center.

Women’s Resource Center administers support services for the growth and development of women students. The Center sponsors activities, special programs, seminars, and workshops, as well as offers individualized and peer counseling. It provides referral services to external social service agencies and acts as a network for resources within the College.
Tribeca Performing Arts Center is a showcase for students in the College’s Theater and Multimedia Programming and Design programs, as well as for professional and student concert and theatrical productions throughout the year. The Tribeca Film Festival has made the Center its home since its inception in 2002.

Teaching Learning Center, among the most comprehensive professional development programs in the CUNY system, strives to improve the quality of teaching and learning by cultivating an institutional climate that strengthens and promotes professional excellence. The Center acts as the umbrella for faculty development activities at the College by offering a forum for faculty to exchange ideas and share their experiences about teaching and learning. The Center offers presentations on a wide range of relevant pedagogical issues.