



**YORK** College | **CUNY**

**First-Year  
Experience**

## **What is the First Year Experience (FYE) Digital Badge Program?**

The First Year Experience digital badge acknowledges accomplishments within the first two semesters of a student's journey as they enhance their knowledge of the college, embark on career exploration, and learn strategies that are beneficial to academic and professional success. Those who earn the digital badge can add it to their e-mail signature, display it through various social media platforms (LinkedIn, Facebook, etc.), and share with future employers.

**Participants will earn an FYE digital badge by completing the criteria listed on the back of this page.** ACE and SEEK students may choose to earn this badge or the FYE digital badge for their specific program.

**Interest Form**

*Scan here*

<https://bit.ly/fye-digitalbadge>



Visit the **FYE Digital Badge Webpage** [www.york.cuny.edu/fye-digital-badge](http://www.york.cuny.edu/fye-digital-badge)

Please email [fye@york.cuny.edu](mailto:fye@york.cuny.edu) for questions



# Checklist



## First Year Experience (FYE) Digital Badge Program

Participants will earn an FYE digital badge by completing the following criteria within their first two consecutive semesters:

- 01 Participate in New Student Orientation (NSO)**  
Available to those entering their first semester at York. Students unable to attend the in-person program will receive access to an NSO video after the in-person program has passed.
- 02 Attend one WOW event**  
Open to new and continuing students, Weeks of Welcome (WOW) consists of fun, informative and engaging signature events that occur in the beginning of the term. WOW events can be found on the college's event webpage and will be communicated to first-year students through their York College e-mail address.
- 03 Complete SPARC**  
All CUNY students are required to take the Sexual and Interpersonal Violence Prevention and Response Course (SPARC). Access SPARC through Blackboard under "My Organizations." Click on the latest SPARC link to begin the training. Students need a minimum of 80% to pass. Take a photo of the certificate as proof of completion.
- 04 Attend two Student Success sessions**  
Student Success sessions are designed to support students as they progress toward their academic and professional goals. Students will learn to strengthen their problem-solving skills, navigate college resources, and increase self-awareness. A list of options can be found at [www.york.cuny.edu/student-development/fye/student-success-sessions](http://www.york.cuny.edu/student-development/fye/student-success-sessions)  
*(Please note: If you attend a Counseling Center session from this list, it will count only towards the badge requirement listed under #7).*
- 05 Complete Focus 2 Career**  
FOCUS 2 CAREER is a self-guided system that will help you explore majors at York and introduce potential careers. To create an account, go to [www.york.cuny.edu/career-services](http://www.york.cuny.edu/career-services), click on the FOCUS 2 CAREER logo at the bottom of the webpage and enter **cardinal** (case sensitive) as the access code on the self-registration page. Once you complete each section and all requests for input, save the occupations and areas of study (major) you are interested in and it will be a part of your portfolio. To discuss results, make an appointment with a career counselor at (718) 262-2282.
- 06 Complete one LinkedIn Learning Course**  
Courtesy of York College, students will be able to take online courses in a variety of topics that enhance marketable skills at a pace that is comfortable for them. Visit the LinkedIn Learning webpage for log-in information:  
[www.york.cuny.edu/ctlet/linkedin-learning](http://www.york.cuny.edu/ctlet/linkedin-learning)
- 07 Attend one Counseling Center Program**  
The Counseling Center sponsors a variety of programs and workshops on topics such as anxiety, depression, procrastination, decision-making, relationships, conflict resolution and more. For program offerings, please visit the department's events page at [www.york.cuny.edu/counseling-center/workshops--events-](http://www.york.cuny.edu/counseling-center/workshops--events-)

