

QCC students helping with tax filing through Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

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WORCESTER, Mass. – There are still a few weeks left to file your taxes before the deadline, and students at Quinisgamond Community College are helping people do it.

The school offers free tax assistance through the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, or VITA. Certified volunteers and trained QCC students will help with preparing tax returns for people who make \$60,000 a year or less.

Accounting professor Eduardo Rivas said the real-world experience offers students a chance to get to know the community they'll be working with.

"They get to meet people in the community and specially help them with this service," said Rivas. "This service is targeted for the low-income community, so students learn more about different resources available for the community, or, for example, they get to see some of the problems sometimes people in the community might be facing, like people, for example, facing problems with housing."

The program is also for the elderly, people with disabilities and those who speak limited English that need assistance.

Services are offered both remotely and in-person at the Main South Community Development Corporation.