

PREPARATION CHECKLIST

Admission to OCC with acceptance in NJ STARS



Checklist of Events	Steps/Instructions	Due Date	Checkbox/Notes
★ Apply to Ocean County College in a degree seeking program	Applicants with specific questions should contact the Registration and Records Office at 732.255.0304 . Address: Office of Registration and Records, Ocean County College • PO Box 2001 • Toms River, NJ 08754-2001 Registration and Records Office hours: Administration Building (Bldg. # 9) • Mon–Thur 9 am to 7 pm • Fri 9 am to 4 pm Apply online www.ocean.edu/admissions	Open enrollment (Whenever possible, include #2 Transcripts and #3 Test Scores with your OCC application)	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 Complete the Federal financial aid paperwork	To apply for Federal Student Aid, visit www.FAFSA.ed.gov and start your application. OCC's school code is 002624 .	FALL returning students May 13th FALL new students Jun 10th SPRING all students Nov 11th	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Submit your transcripts	All NJ Stars students must submit a copy of their High school and any post-secondary school transcripts to our Registration & Records Office. For assistance call 732.255.0304.	Should accompany the OCC application when possible	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Submit your college placement test scores	Submit your test scores to the Office of Registration & Records Required SAT Scores 540 Critical Reading; 530 Math Required HSPA Scores 235 Language Arts; 250 Math Required ACT Scores 23 English/Writing; 22 Math If you do not have these scores, make an appointment to take an Accuplacer Test at OCC by calling 732.255.0401.	Should accompany the OCC application when possible	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 Complete your State financial aid paperwork*	To apply for NJ STARS/ TAG awards, visit www.HESAA.org and complete the additional information for 2011-12.	Returning students June 1st New students Oct 1st	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 Financial verification by Federal and/or State*	If selected for Verification, submit all the requested paperwork (usually this includes worksheets, tax returns, etc) to the Financial Aid Office. Check your OCC Web Advisor account for updated information.	FALL returning students May 13th FALL new students Jun 10th SPRING all students Nov 11th	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 Schedule orientation and register for classes	Contact the Academic Advising Center to schedule orientation. Call 732.255.0300 or visit the office on 1st floor ADMN (Bldg. #9)	Open enrollment	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 Create your Ocean Cruiser student password	Ocean Cruiser is the student portal to your OCC email, Web Advisor, courses, grades, and finances. If you do not know your password or forgotten your password hint, contact the Admissions Office for help at 732.255.0304	Open enrollment	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 Pay the Fees portion of your semester bill	Log into your Ocean Cruiser/ Web Advisor account and click on "Financial Information." If you have questions or concerns with your bill, contact the Student Billing Office at 732.255.0324.	Once the NJ STARS award is posted on your account, you will be responsible for paying the remainder of the bill within 24 hours.	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 Familiarize yourself with classroom materials	NOTE: Financial Aid students can begin purchasing their books from the OCC Bookstore on the first day of their classes. Books can also be purchased online through the OCC Bookstore website with your Financial Aid (if your Aid exceeds your tuition cost) prior to class and picked up on the first day of class.	Log on to www.ocean.edu and search the academic calendar	<input type="checkbox"/>

***It is of the utmost importance that financial aid documentation be completed by the deadlines outlined above.**

This will ensure continuous enrollment at Ocean County College TAG/ NJSTARS Programs, failure to do so may result in the cancellation of aid and/or even possibly losing eligibility to participate in these programs. A Financial Aid Advisor can assist in every possible way with the financial aid portions of the preparation checklist. Please do not hesitate to contact us at financialaid@ocean.edu.

You have an entire team to support you!