JUMP START PROGRAM
(High school student attending OCC Part-time)

Earn college credit while you’re still in high school! Take courses at our Main Campus in Toms River, our satellite location the Southern Education Center in Manahawkin, or at a local high school in Ocean County.

Through the Jump Start Program, high school students can get a “jump” on their college education. Any junior or senior who wishes to enroll as a part-time college student at OCC may do so with the permission of his/her high school Guidance Counselor or Principal. **Students who take only one course per semester in both the junior and senior years will have completed an entire semester of college prior to graduating from high school!** This can translate into tremendous savings in terms of time and money. Ocean County high school students have the advantage of receiving a Board of Trustees scholarship, with reduced tuition, plus appropriate college fees. More importantly, students participating in this program gain an invaluable measure of self-confidence in knowing they can do college level work.

**General guidelines for participation in the Jump Start Program:**

1. A recommendation from the guidance counselor or Principal of the high school is required.
2. Students must satisfy any course prerequisite and have earned an overall above average GPA in high school or demonstrated a high potential to succeed in special areas related to college courses.
3. Jump Start students may attend part-time only with a maximum of six credits each semester.

**Applying for admission to Ocean County College:**

1. Meet with your high school guidance counselor. Discuss whether or not this program is a good fit for you, as well as which class you should take. The OCC Academic Advising Office can assist in your course selection.
2. Fill out OCC’s green High School Application/Registration form. This must be completed **each** semester in which you enroll as a Jump Start student.
3. Have the Application/Registration form signed by your Principal or Guidance Counselor, as well as your parent or guardian (required even if you are 18 years old).
4. Jump Start students wishing to take college level mathematics or English courses must provide appropriate test scores to prove college readiness. They must provide the Registration and Records office with any of the following qualifying scores:
   - **SAT:** Math 530+ Critical Reading 540+
   - **HSPA:** Math 250+ Language Arts 235+
   - **PSAT:** Math 53+ Critical Reading 54+
   - **ACT:** Math 22+ English/Writing 23+

   Students who do not have the above qualifying scores may take the Accuplacer test at the OCC Testing Center or the Southern Education Center in Manahawkin. Contact number is 732-255-0401.
5. Fill out the green application/registration form with the course and section number then submit to the Registration & Records Office or the Southern Education Center in Manahawkin for processing. The Registration and Records office will give you your class schedule/bill and direct you to make payment within 24 hours at the Cashiers office.

If you have any questions about the Jump Start Program, please contact the Admissions Office at 732-255-0400 Ext. 2960 or email: occadmissions@ocean.edu.
HELPFUL HINTS for JUMP START STUDENTS

You are commended for taking the initiative to begin your college education while still in high school. Students in this program have reported high degrees of satisfaction with the quality of the instruction and ability to get a “Jump Start” on their college degree.

- While you are attending Ocean County College you are considered a college student, with all the rights and responsibilities that entails. As we do with all students, the college will protect your privacy by sharing information with you only. Release of any information to others (except your high school) will be only with your express written consent.

- As a college student you will have the opportunity to interact with faculty both before and after class. You must take the initiative to speak to the faculty member and arrange a mutually convenient time to meet. Contact information for your instructor is also available on the course syllabus you will receive on the first day of class.

- The Advising Center on the main campus is available for academic advisement. OCC recommends students choose a class from the “List of Approved General Education Courses.” These courses may be applied toward an OCC degree or may be transferred to a four-year college or university. However, there is no guarantee if or how the credits will transfer. When transferring, students should always research the school to which they will be transferring for specific information. Course descriptions for these and all other courses can be found on the college website at www.ocean.edu.

Examples of General Education Courses are:
- US History or Western Civilization
- Public Speaking
- Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology
- Computer Literacy, Contemporary Theatre.

- Books and materials can be purchased at the College Bookstore on the OCC campus or online from the Bookstore at http://bookstore.ocean.edu/home.aspx.

- As a general rule plan to study 2 hours for every one hour of class. A class that meets 3 hours a week will require 6 hours a week study time.

- Free tutoring is available through our Math and English labs on the main campus and at the Southern Education Center. Students may contact the area dean for tutoring in other subject areas.

- It is important to understand all grades earned in the Jump Start Program will be reflected on your permanent transcript and will follow you throughout your academic career. If you are struggling in a course, we encourage you to speak to your professor regarding your progress. Should you decide to withdraw from a course, it is your responsibility to complete and submit an Add/Drop form (available in the Registration and Records Office). IMPORTANT: Every semester has a withdrawal deadline. Exact dates can be found at http://www.ocean.edu/content/public/study-on-campus/academics/calendar.html.

- Distance learning courses are not recommended for high school students (especially for your first class or a class taken during your junior year of high school). You can check our web site at http://www.ocean.edu/content/public/study-online.html to research further your individual readiness to take online courses. Students must obtain an Approval for Jump Start Students to Take OCC Courses Online Form from their high school guidance counselor office and submit it with their Jump Start application at the Registration and Records office to be able to register for a Distance Learning section. Please note: There is no reduced tuition for Jump Start students registered in Distance Learning courses.