

Public Service

A.S. Degree Program – Catalog Year 2018-2019

The Associate in Science (A.S.) degree program allows students to successfully complete a program of study in one of several areas of public service. Program graduates may transfer to a four year school and/or directly enter the workforce.

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Transfer Information

Students pursuing the Public Service degree can transfer into a wide variety of areas within public service, including fire science, addictions, child care, human services and government. Majors include Public Administration, Fire Science, Human Services and Sociology. Many colleges offer opportunities for transfer both in and out of state. Students are encouraged to work closely with OCC faculty and Advising Transfer Services. Students planning to transfer to a four-year institution in NJ can explore the “Transfer Programs” feature on NJ Transfer www.njtransfer.org.

Career Information

The Associate of Arts and the Associate of Science Degrees are designed to provide students with the coursework needed to transfer to a four-year institution and pursue a bachelor’s degree. The curriculum provides students the knowledge and skills needed to pursue various career pathways, while providing a credential beyond the high school degree. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with OCC faculty and Career Services as they begin to explore career options. Students can also utilize Career Coach, a resource provided by OCC, to explore degree programs and corresponding careers <https://ocean.emsicc.com/>

Fundamental Coursework:

Addictions Counseling: ALDC 101, 102, 103, 104
 Childcare: EDUC 175, 241; PSYC 173
 Developmental Disability Assistant: EDUC 178; PSYC 174
 Fire Science: FIRE 162, 165, 166, 261
 Homeland Security: HLSC 170, 171, 172
 Human Services: HSRV 100, 191; SOC 181
 Municipal Administration: POLI 185
 Public Administration/Government: POLI 183, 185, 161, 162

Students are encouraged to keep track of degree requirements by using the “My Progress” screen on Student Planning. Student Planning can be accessed via logging into Ocean Connect.

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Curriculum

First Semester

ENGL 151

COMM 154

STSC 155

Second Semester

ENGL 152

PSYC 172

Third Semester

Fourth Semester

English I	3 cr.
Math Gen Ed Requirement	3 cr.
Public Service Elective (see list)	3 cr.
Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 cr.
College Success Seminar	<u>3 cr.</u>
	15 cr.

English II	3 cr.
Public Service Elective (see list)	3 cr.
General Psychology	3 cr.
Humanities Gen Ed Requirement	3 cr.
Technology Gen Ed Requirement*	3 cr.
Elective	<u>3 cr.</u>
	18 cr.

Public Service Elective	3 cr.
Public Service Elective	3 cr.
Lab Science Gen Ed Requirement	4 cr.
Elective	3 cr.
Elective	<u>3 cr.</u>
	16 cr.

Public Service Elective (see list)	3 cr.
Public Service Elective (see list)	3 cr.
Public Service Elective (see list) <u>or</u>	3 cr.
Internship (INTR 290)	
Social Science Gen Ed Requirement	3 cr.
Any course from list of Approved	<u>3 cr.</u>
General Education Courses	
	15 cr.

TOTAL CREDITS 64

Courses satisfying General Education Requirements must be selected from the list of Approved General Education Courses

*Students may attempt to “test out” of the technology requirement. If they succeed, they must take an additional course in math or lab science from the list of Approved General Education Courses.

PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTIVES

Students may choose electives from the extensive range of courses below (without being restricted to one category) based on personal interest and/or transfer needs.

* If you select all six of the Fire Science electives marked with an asterisk, you will have completed all of the core FESHE, Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education, recognized Fire Science courses.

ADDICTIONS COUNSELING

ALDC 101	Addiction Disorders and Recovery Supports
ALDC 102	Addictions Counseling: Professional Responsibilities
*ALDC 105	Addictions Counseling Skills
*ALDC 106	Assessing Addictive Disorders
**ALDC 107	Addiction Counseling Methodology
**ALDC 108	Addictions Counseling Client Education
*ALDC 105 and ALDC 106 must both be taken to substitute for the 6 credit ALDC 103	
**ALDC 107 and ALDC 108 must both be taken to substitute for the 6 credit ALDC 104	

CHILD CARE

ARTS 174	Creative Arts for Children
EDUC 175	Introduction to Teaching
EDUC 176	Foundations of American Education
EDUC 177	School and Community
EDUC 241	Children's Literature
EDUC 245	Language Arts in School Curriculum
PSYC 173	Child Psychology

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY ASSISTANT

EDUC 178	Intro. to Education of Exceptional Children
EDUC 279	Curriculum Development Early Childhood Ed.
PSYC 174	Personality Theory
PSYC 274	Social Psychology
PSYC 275	Educational Psychology

FIRE SCIENCE

*FIRE 162	Principles of Emergency Services
FIRE 163	Principles of Fire & Emergency Service Admin.
*FIRE 165	Building Construction for Fire Protection
*FIRE 166	Fire Behavior and Combustion
FIRE 168	Occupational Safety & Health for Emergency Services
FIRE 169	Strategy and Tactics
FIRE 255	Fire Inspector I
FIRE 256	Fire Inspector II
FIRE 257	Administration for Fire Officials
*FIRE 261	Principles of Fire and Emergency Services Safety and Survival
FIRE 263	Fire Investigation I
FIRE 264	Fire Investigation II
*FIRE 266	Fire Prevention
*FIRE 268	Fire Protection Systems

Homeland Security

HLSC 170	Introduction to Homeland Security
HLSC 171	Fundamentals of Emergency Management
HLSC 172	Domestic and International Terrorism
HLSC 173	Introduction to Security
HLSC 174	Introduction to the Intelligence Function
HLSC 210	Risk Management and Analysis
HLSC 201	Organizational Integration and Management

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HUMAN SERVICES

HSRV 100	Introduction to Developmental Disabilities
HSRV 191	Human Services as a Social Institution
HSRV 194	Interviewing and Communication Techniques
HSRV 200	Gerontology: The Study of Aging
HSRV 291	Principles of Social Work
PSYC 274	Social Psychology
SOCI 181	Introduction to Sociology
SOCI 182	Death and Dying
SOCI 231	Social Problems

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION

CVET 123	Surveying I
ENGR 191	AutoCAD 2-D Graphics I
ENGR 192	AutoCAD 2-D Graphics II
POLI 185	Principles of Public Administration

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION / GOVERNMENT

POLI 183	Introduction to Political Science
POLI 185	Principles of Public Administration
POLI 161	American Federal Government
POLI 162	American State and Local Government
POLI 263	Introduction to International Relations
POLI 268	Women and Politics