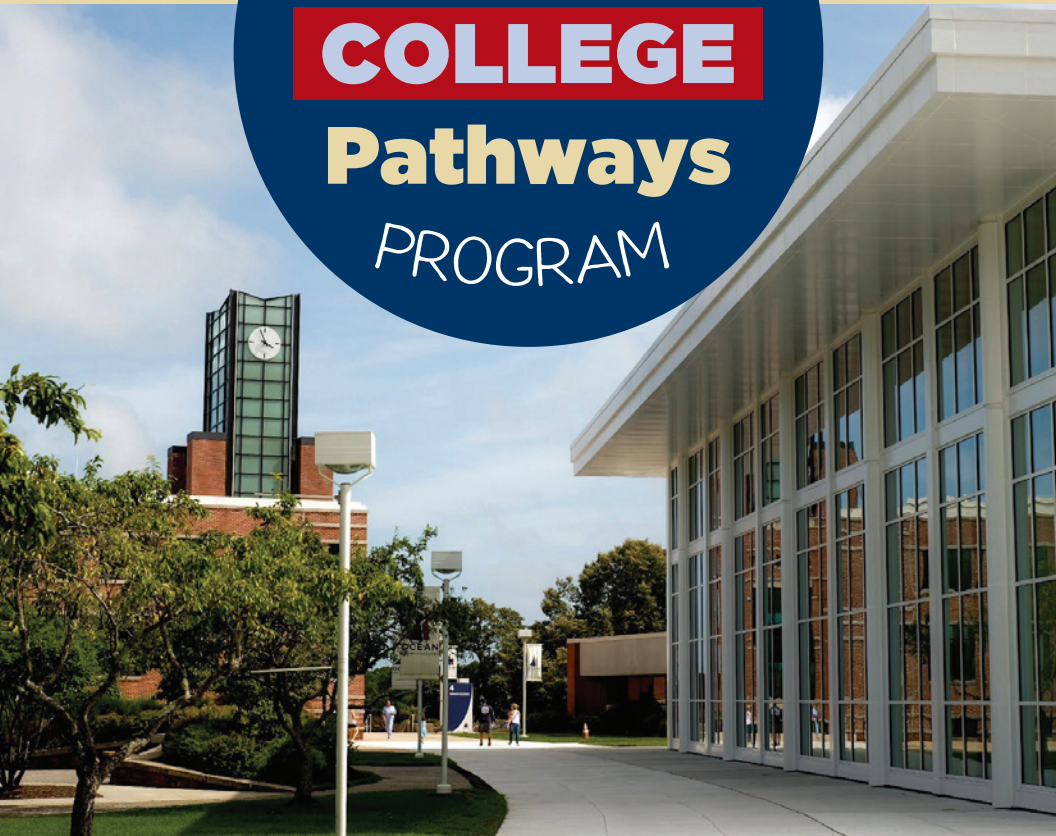


COLLEGE

Pathways

PROGRAM



Ocean County College's Pathways Program

assists high school seniors with the college selection
and application process regardless of where
they decide to attend.



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Why should you go to college?

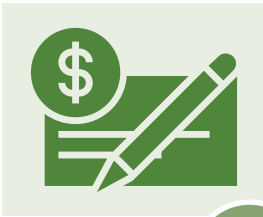
It's WORTH it!



A college education is worth more today than ever.

The earnings gap between those who only graduate with their High School Diploma and those who graduate with their Bachelor's degree is **larger than it's ever been.**

Increase your earning potential!



If you pursue higher education you can

double the amount you'll make every hour and every year for the rest of your life.

	Hourly	Yearly
College Grads	\$32.60	\$59,124
HS Grads	\$16.50	\$35,256

You're less likely to...

- ✓ To be unemployed
- ✓ To live in poverty

You're MORE likely to...

be more satisfied in, and prepared for your career
live a longer life due to better health benefits
and health education

** NY Times & the PEW Research Center*

College Admissions 101

Things to Consider When Choosing the Right College

Cost.....



NJ Higher Education Costs (Tuition & Fees Per Year)

Based on 2017-2018

- OCC = \$4,465
- NJ Public University = \$13,757 apx.
(+ room & board costs)
- NJ Private University = \$38,489 apx.
(+ approx. \$10,000 for room & board costs)

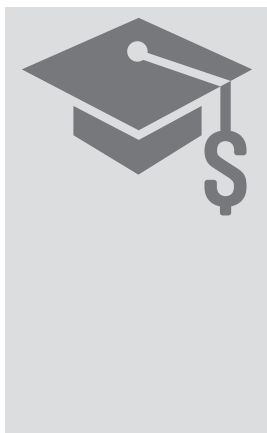
Accreditation.....



Some programs, degrees, or certificates are not accredited and cannot be verified by future employers.

An accredited school provides degrees and credits that are both transferable and valid.

Financial Aid.....



The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) can be found at fafsa.ed.gov

Types of Financial Aid

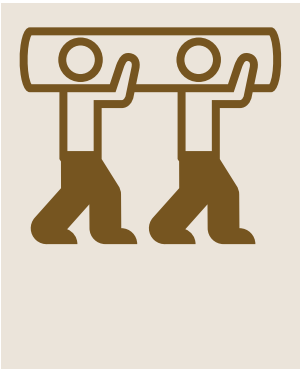
Grants – awarded by federal gov't & state, do not have to be paid back

Loans – Federal & private, must be paid back – with interest

Scholarships – Most require a FAFSA on file.

Questions to Ask: Is my scholarship renewable for all 4-years? Are there GPA or other requirements to keep my scholarship?

Supports & Resources



The supports & resources available on a college campus tell you a lot about what’s important to the college and how they’ll help you succeed.

Here’s some to look out for:

- Counseling Services
- Advising, Transfer, & Career Services
- Center for Access & Equity (Multicultural Center, Diversity Center, LGBTQ Center)
- Tutoring & Disability Services
- Etc.

Majors & Degrees



Make sure the college offers your desired degree program, as well as any concentrations or minors you’d like to pursue.

For example, at OCC we offer:

■ **ASSOCIATE IN ARTS & ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE**

- ▶ Designed to transfer
- ▶ Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Public Service & more

■ **ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE**

- ▶ Prepares students for workplace
- ▶ Nursing & American Sign Language Interpreter Program

College Life & Athletics



Get involved! Build your resume and develop professional and leadership skills with clubs and activities such as:

- Competitive or intramural sports
- Honor societies ■ Greek Life
- Clubs, activities, etc

Getting involved will help you:

- Develop leadership skills
- Build your resume ■ Make friends
- Connect with college leaders

Demographics



- **Location:** Consider your desired career when deciding between a rural or city location. What internship opportunities will be tied to this location, will there be public transportation, ways to decompress off campus?
- **Class Sizes:** Do you want small classes like high school, or are you ok with large lectures with 300+ students?
- **Facilities:** Fitness centers, pools, tracks, etc. If these amenities are important to you, make sure they have them!

Flexibility of Class Scheduling



College provides a variety of class options to fit your learning style and schedule:

- **Face to Face** – the standard college class meets 2x/week for 1 hr 15 min.
- **Online** – fully online, no in-person time required.
- **Hybrid** – half online, half on campus.
- **Evening & weekend classes** – classes as late as 8pm and Saturday availability



Tips for Completing College Applications

■ Read ALL instructions

Not all schools require the same admissions materials. Be sure to triple-check requirements before sending SAT scores or asking someone for a letter of recommendation, transcripts, etc.

■ Complete ALL parts of the application

Don't delay your acceptance because of an unfinished application. Make sure it's submitted!

■ Do NOT use your high school email

High School emails are often deactivated after graduation and may block important emails from the schools you're applying to.

■ Use your legal name (unless otherwise indicated)

Colleges use your application to connect to your FAFSA, transcripts, and test scores. Using a different name may complicate this process.

■ Meet all deadlines

Don't miss out on your dream school because you submitted your app or documents late.

■ Ask questions

Every school has an admissions office that is happy to answer your questions, and walk you through applying and enrolling.

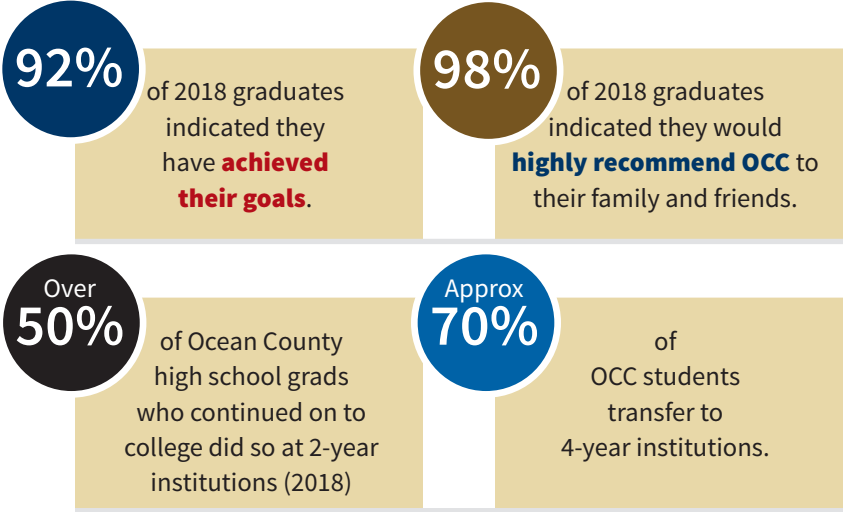


Choose YOUR County College!

Fast Facts about Ocean County College.....

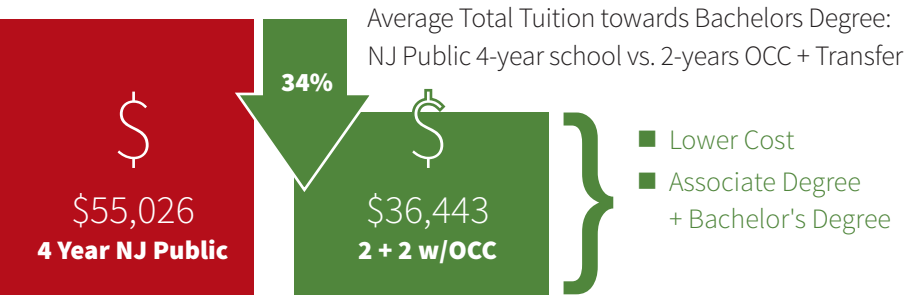
- First County College in NJ:** Founded in 1964
- Alumni:** Over 40,000 Alumni
- Small Class Sizes:** 26 : 1
- Quality Education:** All instructors meet the same qualifications as 4-year professors – many also teach at 4-year institutions as well!

Our Students Love OCC!.....



Your Transfer is Our Goal!.....

- The Lampitt Law** mandates that Associate degrees must fully transfer and students must be granted junior status at all NJ public 4-year colleges and universities
- Kean-Ocean:** 34+ different bachelor's degrees right in Toms River for under \$35,000!
- Over 30 transfer agreements across the US!** Visit go.ocean.edu/transferoptions



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