

# PUBLIC SERVICE, ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

## Program Description

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 institution and/or directly enter the workforce.

## 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](http://www.njtransfer.org) (<http://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/>

*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.*

### Program Requirements

First Semester	Credit Hours
ENGL 151 English I	3
Mathematics Gen. Ed. Requirement ( <a href="https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#math">https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#math</a> )	3
Public Service Program Elective (p. )	3
COMM 154 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
STSC 150 Student Success Seminar	2
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>14</b>
Second Semester	Credit Hours
English II	3
Public Service Program Elective (p. )	3
PSYC 172 General Psychology	3
Humanities Gen. Ed. Requirement ( <a href="https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#humanities">https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#humanities</a> )	3
Elective	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
Third Semester	Credit Hours
Public Service Program Elective (p. )	3
Public Service Program Elective (p. )	3
Lab Science Gen. Ed. Requirement ( <a href="https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#lab">https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#lab</a> )	4
Technology Gen. Ed. Requirement ( <a href="https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#tech">https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#tech</a> ) <sup>1</sup>	3

Elective	Credit Hours
	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>16</b>
Fourth Semester	Credit Hours
Public Service Program Elective (p. )	3
Public Service Program Elective (p. )	3
INTR 290 Internship 3 (or Public Service Elective)	3
Social Science Gen. Ed. Requirement ( <a href="https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#social">https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#social</a> )	3
Course from the Gen. Ed. Course List ( <a href="https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#communication">https://catalog.ocean.edu/graduation-requirements-degree/approved-general-education-courses/#communication</a> )	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>60</b>

## 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.

### Addictions Counseling

ALDC 105 ([https://catalog.ocean.edu/search/?P=ALDC %20105](https://catalog.ocean.edu/search/?P=ALDC%20105)) and ALDC 106 (<https://catalog.ocean.edu/search/?P=ALDC%20106>) must both be taken to substitute for the 6 credit ALDC 103. ALDC 107 ([https://catalog.ocean.edu/search/?P=ALDC %20107](https://catalog.ocean.edu/search/?P=ALDC%20107)) and ALDC 108 ([https://catalog.ocean.edu/search/?P=ALDC %20108](https://catalog.ocean.edu/search/?P=ALDC%20108)) must both be taken to substitute for the 6 credit ALDC 104.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ALDC 101	Addictions Disorders and Recovery Supports	3
ALDC 102	Addictions Counseling: Professional Responsibilities	3
ALDC 105	Addiction Counseling Skills	3
ALDC 106	Assessing Addictive Disorders	3
ALDC 107	Addiction Counseling Methodology	3
ALDC 108	Addiction Counseling Client Education	3

### Child Care

Code	Title	Credit Hours
PSYC 273	Adolescent Psychology	3

### Developmental Disability Assistant

Code	Title	Credit Hours
EDUC 178	Introduction to the Education of Exceptional Students	3
PSYC 174	Personality Theory	3
PSYC 274	Social Psychology	3
PSYC 275	Educational Psychology	3

### Fire Science

If you select FIRE 162, FIRE 165, FIRE 166, FIRE 261, FIRE 266, and FIRE 268, you will have completed all of the core FESHE, Fire and Emergency Services Higher Education, recognized Fire Science courses.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
FIRE 162	Principles of Emergency Services	3
FIRE 163	Principles of Fire and Emergency Service Administration	3
FIRE 165	Bldg Construction for Fire Protection	3
FIRE 166	Fire Behavior and Combustion	3
FIRE 168	Occupational Safety and Health for Emergency Services	3
FIRE 169	Strategy and Tactics	3
FIRE 255	Fire Inspector I	3
FIRE 256	Fire Inspector II	3
FIRE 257	Administration for Fire Officials	3
FIRE 261	Principles of Fire and Emergency Services Safety and Survival	3
FIRE 263	Fire Investigation I	3
FIRE 264	Fire Investigation II	3
FIRE 266	Fire Prevention	3
FIRE 268	Fire Protection Systems	3

## Homeland Security

Code	Title	Credit Hours
HLSC 170	Introduction to Homeland Security	3
HLSC 171	Fundamentals of Emergency Management	3
HLSC 172	Domestic and International Terrorism	3
HLSC 174	Introduction to the Intelligence Function	3
HLSC 210	Risk Management and Analysis	3

## Human Services/SOCIAL WORK

Code	Title	Credit Hours
SOWK 101	Introduction to Social Work	3
SOWK 194	Interviewing and Communication Techniques	3
SOWK 200	Gerontology: The Study of Aging	3
SOWK 201	Human Behavior and the Social Environment	3
SOWK 202	Social Work Seminar and Practicum	3
SOWK 207	Group Dynamics	3
PSYC 274	Social Psychology	3
SOCI 181	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOCI 182	Death and Dying	3
SOCI 230	Women in Society	3
SOCI 231	Social Problems	3

## Municipal Administration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ENGR 123	Surveying I	3
ENGR 191	Autocad 2-D Basics I	3
POLI 185	Principles of Public Administration	3

## Public Administration/Government

Code	Title	Credit Hours
POLI 161	American Federal Government	3
POLI 162	American State and Local Government	3
POLI 183	Introduction to Political Science	3
POLI 185	Principles of Public Administration	3
POLI 263	Introduction to International Relations	3
POLI 268	Women and Politics	3