

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Approval

New Jersey Commission on Higher Education

## Accreditation Institutional

Commission on Higher Education, Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools

*Ocean County College is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education, Middle States Association of Colleges & Schools and may be contacted at the following address:*

Middle States Commission on Higher Education  
3624 Market Street  
Philadelphia, PA 191049-2680  
Tel: 267-284-5000 • Fax: 215-662-5501  
[www.msche.org](http://www.msche.org) (<http://www.msche.org>)

## Nursing & Health Services

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)  
3343 Peachtree Road  
Suite 850  
Atlanta, GA 30326  
Tel: 404-975-5000  
[www.acenursing.org](http://www.acenursing.org) (<http://www.acenursing.org>)

## Addiction Studies

National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission (NASAC)  
44 Canal Center Plaza  
Suite 301  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
Tel: 703-741-7686  
[www.nasacaccreditation.org](http://www.nasacaccreditation.org) (<http://www.nasacaccreditation.org/>)

## Membership

- American Association of Community and Junior Colleges
- American Council on Education
- American Association for Paralegal Education
- Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
- New Jersey Association of Colleges and Universities
- New Jersey Council of County Colleges

Documents verifying licensing and accreditation of Ocean County College by the State of New Jersey and by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools are available upon request in the Office of the President, Administration Building, second floor.

## Location

Located in the demographic center of Ocean County in Toms River, the college is within 40 minutes commuting distance of all Ocean County citizens. The relatively close proximity of the county to the metropolitan areas of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, D.C. makes it possible for students to take advantage of cultural offerings in these areas.

## Transportation

New Jersey Transit provides bus transportation to the college campus. For specific bus routes and schedules, call 800-772-2222 between 6:00am and midnight or go to [NJtransit.com](http://www.NJtransit.com) (<http://www.NJtransit.com>)

## E-Learning/Online Classes

Ocean County College Online, OCC's e-Learning division, currently offers 12 fully online Associate degree programs: Business, Business Administration, Business—Paralegal Studies, Liberal Arts, General Studies, Global Studies, Computer Science, Computer Science—Information Technology (AAS and AS degrees), Criminal Justice, Environmental Sciences, and Public Service. Additionally, OCC Online offers 8 fully online certificate programs: Business Studies, Information Technology, Legal Secretary, Teacher Aide, Middle Eastern Studies, Criminal Justice, Paralegal Studies, and Small Business Management. To explore these options, please visit <https://www.ocean.edu/programs-and-courses/online-degre> (<https://www.ocean.edu/programs-and-courses/online-degre>)

OCC Online offers over 200 online courses that can be taken as part of a degree program or by themselves, depending on the student's needs. Courses are available in 15, 10, 7.5, 5, and 3-week terms throughout the year. Online programs, certificates, and courses follow the same academic rigor as traditional face-to-face courses, utilizing the same learning objectives and employing a variety of student-centered learning methodologies. Students are able to complete coursework according to their life demands. They are never required to come to campus and are not required to be "online" during a specific day or time. Online course syllabi inform students of required assignments and due dates. Online students should check the bookstore for required books and materials for their online classes. Lab kits for science courses should be ordered as early as possible, preferably before the term begins. All online courses are subject to exam proctoring, which requires students to have a working webcam and microphone.

OCC Online provides 24/7 support to all students, as well as online tutoring in a variety of subjects to facilitate student success. Online courses are designated by the section name "DL" which stands for Distance Learning. These can be viewed on WebAdvisor or in Student Planning. Students registered for online courses may access them through OCC's Portal: Ocean Connect by clicking on "My Courses." For more information about online degrees, certificates, and courses, please contact an Enrollment Specialist at 732-255-0400, ext. 2960 or on the College's website at <https://www.ocean.edu/programs-and-courses/online-learning/>.

## Southern Education Center (SEC)

The Southern Education Center (SEC) of Ocean County College is an off-campus site located at 195 Cedar Bridge Road, Manahawkin, NJ, offering a wide spectrum of community college opportunities. Over 80 courses are offered each year over several terms, with classes scheduled during the day and evening to fulfill the requirements of the AA, AS, or AAS degrees. The classes are taught by the same high quality professors instructing on the Toms River campus, while the intimacy of the SEC allows for a very positive student-professor relationship. In addition to classes, student services advisors are housed at the SEC to assist students with the wide variety of needs and questions involving registration and enrollment, student advising, transfer guidance, and financial aid support. Most of the supportive service opportunities available on the main campus such as Disability Services, Career Services, Student Life events, Library Services, Counseling, The

Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Program, Student Support Services (SSS), and academic coaching are also available at the SEC. The wide array of services and classes offered by the SEC fully extend all the opportunities of the Toms River campus into the southern portion of Ocean County. The smaller setting at the SEC allows for a very personal connection to instruction, advising and support services without the drive! Visit [go.ocean.edu/SEC](http://go.ocean.edu/SEC) (<http://go.ocean.edu/SEC/>) for more information or call 609-978-2077.