

ACADEMIC ADVISING & TRANSFER SERVICES

The mission of the Advising and Transfer Services Office is to assist students in accomplishing their academic, career and life-long learning goals. The Advising and Transfer Services Office strives to support students at all stages of their academic journey, creating a holistic experience that provides students with:

- An introduction to academic programs and course requirements
- Development of an academic plan, with a focus on short and long-term goals
- Preparation for successful transfer or employment

The Advising and Transfer Services Office is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and 8:00am-6:00pm, Wednesday 8:00am-7:00pm, and Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm. For more information, please contact us at 732-255-0300, email advisingoffice@ocean.edu, or visit go.ocean.edu/advising/.

Student Planning

Student Planning is an online resource that provides students and advisors with the tools they need to plan and track progress toward degree completion. Students can use Student Planning to review degree requirements, create an academic plan, register for courses and even see how credits would apply to a different degree program. Advisors encourage students to use Student Planning to create short and long-term plans that will help them to fulfill their educational goals. Students can access Student Planning by logging into their Ocean Connect account. For help using Student Planning, students can see their advisor or visit <http://go.ocean.edu/studentplanning/> or <https://catalog.ocean.edu/student-services/academic-advising-office/go.ocean.edu/advisingvideos/>.

Transfer Advising

The majority of OCC graduates transfer to four-year colleges and universities. Advisors assist students in aligning their studies, transfer goals and career aspirations. Students are encouraged to start planning for transfer early! A great place to get started is at go.ocean.edu/transfer/, where students will find information on events such as transfer fairs, instant decision days and transfer workshops; tutorials on NJ Transfer; and a timeline for transfer preparation. For more information, please contact Advising and Transfer Services at 732-255-0300.

The New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship (NJ STARS) Program

The NJ STARS program is an initiative created by the State of New Jersey that provides New Jersey's highest achieving students with free tuition at their home county college. NJ STARS advisors help STARS students get and stay on track through services such as academic coaching; graduation advising; and transfer and career planning. For more information, please visit go.ocean.edu/njstars/ or contact STARS Coordinator Jennifer Kipp at 732-255-0400 ext. 2933 or email jkipp@ocean.edu.

NJ Stars Enrichment Services

New Jersey Stars Enrichment Program, mandated by legislation, is required for all NJ Stars students who do not earn a 3.0 GPA during their first semester. Support is available to NJ STARS students striving to maintain a 3.0 GPA as follows: STSC 150 College Success Seminar, academic coaching, academic planning, and information about campus resources.