

Established 2014

Lacey-OCC College Academy

Beginning with the class of 2019, we are expanding the College Academy program from 18 credits up to 64 college credits with the opportunity to earn an Associate's Degree of Liberal Arts. If an LTHS student takes advantage of all that the district has to offer, they will be able to walk across the stage at Ocean County College before receiving their Lacey Township High School diploma.

> Junior year opportunity = 30 college credits Senior year opportunity = 34 credits *Liberal Arts Associate's Degree*

Lacey-OCC Academy Experience

- Classes are taught by LTHS teachers who can serve as OCC adjunct instructors.
- Classes count toward both high school graduation and college credit (dual enrollment).
- College experience supported by Lacey Township High School Staff with lead teachers and guidance counselors
- Less commuting with on campus options during a student's Senior year.
- The "Strength of Transcript" is one of the top reasons for college acceptance (degree recipients are considered a transfer student).
- Affordability!

Payment Plan is Available

Payments for the College Academy are made **directly** to OCC.

The Ocean County College Tuition Payment Plan (TPP) provides a financial planning option that allows you to pay tuition and fees in equal installments. To participate, you must be registered for three or more credit hours in the semester. Multiple terms cannot be combined into a TPP. A separate TPP needs to be set up for each term.

Qualifying Criteria and Academic Commitment

Academic Commitment

Students who enroll for a fall semester class must sign up for the corresponding spring semester class. For example, a student who signs up for English I (ENG 151) in the fall semester must also enroll to take English II (ENG 152) in the spring semester. Students must enroll in both semesters of a given subject.

Academic Qualifications

Lacey Township High School seniors and juniors who are in good standing may participate in the program. Good academic standing is defined as students who possess at least 110 credits (seniors), 70 credits (juniors), and no grades lower than a C.

For senior level courses, students must meet the enrollment criteria as outlined by Ocean County College. Criteria includes a standardized test (Accuplacer, SAT, PSAT) and can be found at the following website:

http://www.ocean.edu/content/dam/public/files/jump_start_progr am.pdf (see Item 4 under Applying for Admission to Ocean County College)

New Jersey - Lampitt Law (Transfer Law)

New Jersey has a state-wide agreement to assist students with transfer from a community college to a 4-year public institution. Under the Lampitt Law, community college students who complete an AA or AS degree will receive half of the credits needed for graduation with a Bachelor's degree. Careful planning is essential for a smooth and efficient transfer experience.

- ► The law only covers students who graduate from an AA or AS programs.
- The law does not guarantee acceptance to college. Students must still apply and be granted admission, which can be competitive and require specific coursework and/or GPA (e.g. business, teaching, and engineering, among other programs).

Kean Ocean Partnership

Your college education should be worth a fortune. Not cost one! Earn credits toward your bachelor's or master's degree on the Ocean County College Campus with the Kean Ocean University Partnership. This unique partnership allows many students to have a pathway to a very affordable education.

You can earn a baccalaureate degree in one of some 30 different programs for approximately \$30,000 versus \$30,000 per year at most universities. This ideal situation also provides the opportunity for students to stay close to home and complete their college education in one convenient location.

NJIT and OCC partnership

New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) and Ocean County College (OCC) in Toms River, N.J., have signed a joint admission agreement designed to improve student access across the two higher education institutions. The agreement will enable OCC students who are completing an associate degree to seamlessly continue their studies at NJIT toward a bachelor's degree.

Plans are also underway for NJIT to offer upper-level engineering courses at OCC in the near future.

What do I do Next?

- → Talk to your child about this great opportunity
- → Discuss long term goals and the benefits of this opportunity
- → Discuss the challenges of taking college level courses while in high school
- → Call your student's School Counselor with any questions and concerns about your child's schedule for next year (609-971-2020):

Supervisor: Ms. Julie Ciccarone x2019 jciccarone@laceyschools.org Counselor: Mrs. Stephanie Cook x2017 scook@laceyscools.org Counselor: Mrs. Barbara DeChiaro x2010 bdechiaro@laceyschools.org Counselor: Mrs. Leah Purpuri x2011 lpurpuri@laceyschools.org Counselor: Mrs. Margaret (Peg) Rand x2016 mrand@laceyschools.org Counselor: Mr. David Rivera x2018 drivera@laceyschools.org Counselor: Ms. Elyse Winkle x2015 ewinkle@laceyschools.org

Resource Links:

Payment Plan:

https://www.ocean.edu/content/dam/public/files/Academics/Paying_for_colle ge/tuition_payment_plan.pdf

Withdrawing & refunds:

https://www.ocean.edu/content/public/study-on-campus/paying-for-college/re fund-policy.html

Kean Ocean http://kean.edu/academics/kean-ocean/kean-ocean

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http://news.njit.edu//njit-and-ocean-county-college-establish-academic-and-st udent-support/?utm_source=njit&utm_medium=home&utm_content=news& utm_campaign=teaser

FDU Scholars Program

https://www.ocean.edu/content/dam/public/files/2017%20Flyer%20for%2 00CC-FDU%20Scholars%20Program.pdf

Additional Resource Links:

Transfer College Evaluation Form:

https://www.ocean.edu/content/dam/public/files/Transfer_Coll_Eval_Form_0410.pdf

Transfer College Checklist:

https://www.ocean.edu/content/dam/public/files/Check_List_Form_0410.pdf

Transfer Transcript Request:

<u>https://www.ocean.edu/content/public/study-on-campus/registration/transcript-reques</u> <u>t.html</u>

NJ Transfer:

https://www.njtransfer.org/