NEWSLETTER

OCEAN COUNTY ACHIEVEMENT CENTER

About Us

The Ocean County Achievement Center (OCAC) is a collaborative partnership with Ocean County College, Ocean County PIC, Inc., Georgian Court University, and Goodwill's Helms Academy. The OCAC is located on the Toms River campus of Ocean County College and provides free comprehensive individualized services to out-of-school young adults and adults. The services address academic, career, and financial goals, including high school equivalency preparation.

About Ocean County College

Ocean County College, an innovative academic leader, provides affordable, student-centered, high-quality educational experiences that empower diverse learners to succeed. To achieve its mission, OCC invests in and fosters academic, economic, and cultural excellence and ensures financial strength by generating multiple revenue streams, engaging in national and international university and corporate partnerships, and cultivating a technologically progressive and entrepreneurial spirit.

ADULT EDUCATION, CIVICS, AND WORKFORCE PREPARATION (TITLE II)

English as a Second Language (ESL)

English as a Second Language (ESL) classes provide instruction to enhance, develop, and strengthen your ability to read, write, listen, and speak in English. The classes are provided in English two mornings or two nights a week in person. There are six levels for students to enroll in; however, not all levels are offered at all locations. Classes run for 10 weeks each semester (summer, fall, winter, and spring). Attendance is mandatory with a maximum of 3 unexcused absences. All individuals are required to attend orientation, complete an intake and forms, and take a pre- & post assessment.

The Achievement Center also provides Civics/ESL and Integrated Education Training (IET). These classes are designed to provide occupational career and education training together. IETs are offered in conjunction to Civic courses. Training hours vary depending on the type of occupation training, and a certificate or credential can be earned. We currently offer IETs in Customer Service & Sales, Culinary Foundations, and Medical Terminology. As with ESL classes, IETs run for 10 weeks per semester and requires 6 in-person instructional hours per week (morning and evening schedules available).

In memory of Sister Peggy

Adrian Martinez Costa, OCAC Graduate 2024

High School Equivalency

High school diploma equivalency classes assist individuals in preparing to take the GED exam to earn a State of New Jersey High School Diploma. Classes are run 4 times a year for a minimum of 10-weeks per term. Attendance is mandatory with a maximum of 3 unexcused absences. The programs are designed to assist individuals in reaching their educational and career goals effectively. All individuals are required to attend orientation; complete and intake and forms; and take a pre-& post assessment.

Course Details:

- Mandatory Orientation
- In-Person Placement Testing
- Registration Required

Length:

- 10 Week Terms (Summer, Fall, Winter & Spring);
  - 6 Instructional Hours
    - Morning and evening schedules available*

WORK READINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (WRAP)

About Us

The Work Readiness Assistance Program (WRAP) is for out-of-school young adults between the ages of 16 and 24 living in Ocean County. WRAP provides free services to address academic, career, and financial goals. Services are also provided by various community partners to engage young adults and adults in educational programs, career exploration, work readiness training, internships, on-the-job learning, leadership development, job placement, adult mentoring, and work experience opportunities.
The WRAP grant has built-in support services to also assist young adults struggling with mental health, food insecurities, and more.

Laura Dunn, Manager of WRAP & Ally McNamee, Program Instructor

Exploration of Career Pathways & Entrepreneurship

Participants will evaluate their current knowledge, skills and abilities in a series of assessments, followed by customer service skills development and targeted, entry-level, in-demand career exploration, as well as small business/entrepreneurship development. Participants will explore various career options, earn entry-level certifications, and develop skills for customer service interactions.

Leadership Academy & Service Learning

A series of workshops that help with developing and reinforcing a successful mindset, decision-making, and identifying actions to achieve goals. Participants learn leadership and interpersonal skills, building teamwork, and tools to help strengthen our communities.

PREVIOUS ACHIEVEMENT CENTER EVENTS

Family Literacy Event, Ocean County Library

Ocean County Achievement Center Staff & Partners, Graduation

Ocean County Achievement Center Graduation, Grunin Center, Ocean County College

English as a Second Language Class Bowling Trip

PREVIOUS ACHIEVEMENT CENTER EVENTS

August 8th Job & Resource Fair hosted by the Ocean County Achievement Center's Work Readiness Assistance Program and Water's & Sims Employment. This was possible with a grant provided by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation that Water's & Sims received. The event hosted 31 vendors to provide training, employment and or resource information. A total of 257 guests attended the event including the Work Readiness Assistance Program participants and the Adult Education, Civics & Workforce Preparation ESL evening classes.

List of Vendors attended listed below

Atlantic Care
Allied Fire & Safety
Brick Recycling
Bright Harbor
Community Options
Department of Human Services
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Express Employment Professionals
Hackensack Meridian Health
Hola Doctor
Hope Sheds Light
Joint Base McGuire Dix- Lakehurst
Mental Health Associates
MOCEANS Center for Independent Living
Ocean County Health Department
Ocean County PIC at Ocean County Career Center
OCEAN INC.
Ocean County Vocational Technical School
PNC Bank
Preferred Behavioral Health
SERV Behavioral Health
Six Flags Great Adventure
St. Francis Community Center
Superior Court of NJ Ocean County Vicinage
U.S Air Force Reserve
U.S Coast Guard
Waters & Sims Employment Services
Workforce & Professional Education Dept.
Pomptonian Food Services
Sadie Vickers Resource Center
Journeys
Robert Wood Johnson

PREVIOUS ACHIEVEMENT CENTER EVENTS

OCAC & Waters and Sims Job Fair

Presented by Ocean County Achievement Center & Waters and Sims Employment Services Innovation and Expansion Grant

PLEASE JOIN US FOR...

Join us every Wednesday from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm in Building 4, Room 111 for our newsletter committee meetings!

Presented by the Ocean County Achievement Center