

COMMUNITY, CONTINUING EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The Community, Continuing Education and Workforce Development area (CCEWD) addresses the dynamic educational needs of a diverse county population. Over the past 4 decades there has been considerable growth and convincing evidence of a responsive and responsible approach to new challenges as demonstrated by myriad offerings. Annually, approximately 10,000 credit and non-credit full and part-time students, both adults and youth, participate in CCEWD programs specifically designed to meet the needs of county residents. State-of-the-art computer labs and training centers enable participants to acquire the knowledge required to help them make the right choices for themselves. In addition to credit courses and degree and certificate programs, CCEWD participants can receive basic skills and career assessment, basic skills instruction, high school equivalency (HSE) preparation, English as a second language (ESL) instruction, job readiness instruction, job search activities, customized short-term training, industry recognized credential training, computer instruction, life skills training, self-empowerment activities, cultural activities and direct job placement. CCEWD's credit and non-credit programs are offered at the main campus, FOCUS extension center and the West Essex branch campus.

ECC offers a wide range of non-credit and credit courses and programs to help meet the lifelong learning and cultural needs of the community, and enhance advancement opportunities for area professionals. Programs are offered at conveniently scheduled times - usually in the late afternoons, evenings, and on Saturdays. Courses in career and personal development, computer training, allied health, and one-semester certificate programs are designed to enhance the professional, personal, and vocational needs of area residents. Employees can earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs) that document newly acquired or upgraded skills that often lead to new job opportunities. Faculty have a broad range of academic and business backgrounds.