

ON-CAMPUS CONTINUING EDUCATION

The On-Campus Continuing Education (OCCE) Department oversees operations for Adult evening and weekend programs, the Saturday and Summer Youth Programs and the Senior Education Program.

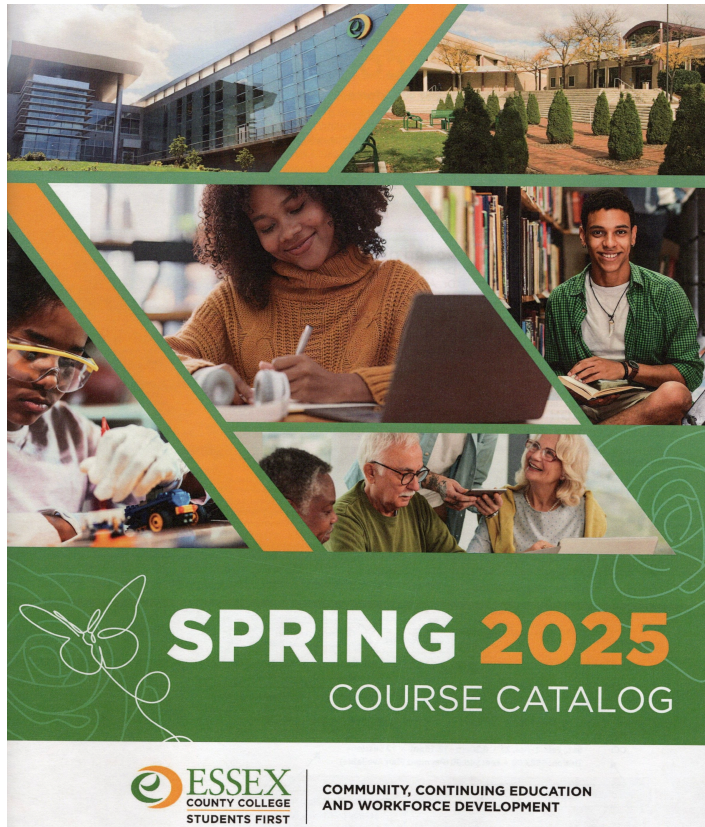


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This department has enrolled thousands of students who desire to attain skills or pursue numerous continuing education opportunities for professional development and personal enrichment. Courses and programs offered in the areas of Allied Health, professional and personal development, and computer and online training are designed to enhance the continuing education needs of the Essex County Workforce.

ALTERNATE ROUTE TO TEACHING





**2-year NJ Alternate Route
Teacher Preparation Licensure Program**

Is teaching a field you have always imagined for yourself? Was becoming a teacher a dream that you deferred for any number of reasons? Can you see yourself in a classroom shaping the lives of our future generation? If you have a bachelor's degree or higher you could be the perfect candidate for the **New Alternate Route Teacher Preparation Licensure Program**.

The Essex County College teacher preparation program is a rigorous, comprehensive, hands-on hybrid, two-year non-traditional teacher training program approved by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE). This program is designed to attract those who are passionate about becoming a licensed Elementary K-6 teacher in the public, charter, parochial, or private school sector. Our immersive 400-hour non-credit, hours-based program allows prospective teachers to work in the classroom, as the teacher of record while completing the 2-year program at an affordable cost.


Admission is open to anyone who has a Bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university with a G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher for graduates after September 2016 or G.P.A. of 2.75 if graduation occurred prior to September 2016. We have two options.


Phase 1:
The Elementary K-6 teacher endorsement program begins with the Pre-Service **50 Hour Introduction to the Teaching Profession course**. Topics covered to prepare the novice teacher to enter the classroom include:

- an overview of the teaching profession
- characteristics of an effective teacher
- classroom management
- lesson planning
- classroom diversities
- technology integration across the curriculum

The 50 Hour Intro to Teaching course is a mandatory component, in conjunction with the appropriate Praxis exams, to earn a **Certificate of Eligibility (CE)** from the NJDOE. This CE allows prospective teachers to be hired in school districts.

Phase 2:
Upon a prospective teacher earning a CE and being hired by a school district, they are able to enroll into our 350-hour licensure program. For the next 2 years the novice teachers will be working in Elementary K-6 classrooms under district contracts, being mentored by an on-site master teacher, while taking classes in subject area pedagogy, methodology and learning strategies to become effective classroom teachers. The program includes 90 hours of special education course work. At the end of 2 years you will become a fully certified teacher in the state of New Jersey. Our program faculty is composed of current school district administrators ranging from school principals to district superintendents, who are passionate and deeply committed to insuring that only the most highly trained educators enter our New Jersey classrooms to teach.





Think you are ready to enroll?
Still have more questions?
To learn about the program, call
973-677-1869 or email ehay@essex.edu

The complete Spring 2025 Continuing Education Course Descriptions can be found on the Main College WebSite.