

H. Major Research and Public Service Activities

Democracy House encourages students to become involved in their community. It does this in three ways: having students provide direct service to nonprofits (working with children in after school programs, helping in a soup kitchen, etc.); assisting the nonprofit agencies with needs, assessments, strategic planning, and other administrative services; and in teaching and encouraging younger students to become engaged citizens and active in their community.

The High School Scholars Program allows students to take college level courses while they are still in high school. There are several options within the program. Including the Senior Year Option in which high school seniors can take college courses while they are still in high school. These courses are offered at the community college as well as in area high schools.

Center for Adults Returning To Education (CARE) provides resources and support to adult students, 21 years of age and older who have completed at least 31 credits and are returning to complete an Associate Degree. Benefits include application fee waivers, book store vouchers, personalized student services including orientations and workshops, and ongoing admissions/enrollment counseling and academic advising.

GATEway allows high-achieving middle school students to take college courses over the summer. Students are interviewed for the program.

New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey is an alternate route program for people who did not major in education while in college and who want to become teachers. It is aimed at career-changers. Programs include Introduction to the Teaching Profession: 24 hour course (part of the credentials needed to earn a Certificate of Eligibility) as well as 90 hours of coursework in literacy and math required of all first year alternate route elementary and middle school teachers.

Ongoing professional development programs are offered on campus to assist teachers in earning their professional development hours.

Advanced Placement Summer Institute trains educators to teach Advanced Placement courses.

Substitute Teacher Training provides training for those people with appropriate college credits (60) to become substitute teachers.

Customized In-Service provides training for teachers working in area school districts to advance their knowledge in content areas and in pedagogy and receive professional development hours.

PRAXIS Review courses are offered for those preparing to take the PRAXIS II exams in Elementary Content Knowledge and the Middle School Math Praxis exam.

Middlesex County College New Jersey State Science Olympiad State Finals is a state-wide science competition for middle and high school students who have successfully competed in the State Regional tournaments.

Middlesex County Teen Arts Program allows middle and high school students to come to campus for music, drama and art workshops and performances.

Math, Science, and Technology Day for Middle School Students offers middle school students and their teachers a variety of hands-on workshops in math, science, and technology.

Youth Readiness Program prepares high school graduates and equivalency students for occupational training and successful employment.

Career Training Center works collaboratively with Middlesex County Department of Workforce Development to enhance employment skills for dislocated workers.

Medical Office Representative Program provided on-site training to residents of the New Jersey Training School to prepare for employment upon re-entering the community.