

G. . A PROFILE OF THE INSTITUTION

1. Degree and Certificate Programs

Undergraduate Degree Programs and Certificates. Thomas Edison State College offers six associate degrees and 10 bachelor's degrees (including three joint degree programs with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey). There are approximately 100 areas of study in the undergraduate degree programs.

The Associate Degree Programs are as follows: Associate in Applied Science, Associate in Arts, Associate in Science in Applied Science and Technology, Associate in Science in Business Administration, Associate in Science in Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Associate in Arts in Human Services (formerly known as Associate in Science in Public and Social Services).

The Bachelor's Degree Programs include: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Applied Science and Technology, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences (a joint degree with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey), Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management (a joint degree with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey), Bachelor of Science in Human Services, Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging Sciences (a joint degree with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey), and Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership.

The College offers two types of Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs, a RN to BSN/MSN program and an Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN program. The RN to BSN/MSN program provides a seamless transition for students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree who want to earn a Master of Science in Nursing degree. The Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN program is an intensive one year program for adults who already possess a non-nursing bachelor's degree and are interested in becoming a registered nurse; this new degree program will begin in the Fall 2011.

The College also awards Certificates in the following professional areas: Accounting, Computer Aided Design, Computer Information Systems, Computer Science, Dental Assistant (with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey), Electronics, Finance, Fitness and Wellness Services, Gas Distribution, Human Resources Management, Labor Studies, Marketing, Operations Management, Polysomnography, and Public Administration.

Master's Degree Programs and Certificates. The College currently offers six master's degree programs: Master of Arts in Educational Leadership, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (formally known as the Master of Arts in Professional Studies), Master of Science in Human Resources Management, Master of Science in Management, Master of Science in Applied Science and Technology, and Master of Science in Nursing (MSN). Graduates of the MSN degree program earn a Nursing Administration, Nurse Educator, or Nursing

Informatics certificate, in addition to the MSN degree, depending on the area of study they select.

There are also several graduate Certificate programs offered: Clinical Trials Management, Homeland Security, Human Resources Management, Online Learning and Teaching, Organizational Leadership, Project Management, Public Service Leadership (open only to graduates of the Executive Potential Program offered by the Center for Government Training and Professional Development's Graduate School), Nursing Administration, Nurse Educator, and Nursing Informatics. The College also offers a post master's certificate in Educational Leadership.

More information about the degree programs offered by the College and the majors/areas of study offered is available on the College website, <http://www.tesc.edu>.

2. Other

Affiliation with New Jersey State Library. Legislation codifying in statute the affiliation of the New Jersey State Library with Thomas Edison State College was signed by the governor in FY 2001. This affiliation and other collaborative projects have made a significant positive difference to the New Jersey State Library and the other libraries with which it is connected.

National Institute on the Assessment of Adult Learning. The National Institute on the Assessment of Adult Learning is sponsored annually by Thomas Edison State College. The main goals of the National Institute are to address issues related to assessment and adult learning. This year's institute, themed Virtual Assessment—Real Outcomes, addressed the emerging issue of how to harness technology to better serve nontraditional students.

Innovation Award for Development of Flash-Based Courses. The National University Technology Network (NUTN) selected Thomas Edison State College to receive its 2011 Distance Education Innovation Award for the development of the [FlashTrack®](#) course delivery system, which delivers entire courses to students via a flash drive and does not require a constant Internet connection.

Graduates Have Highest Pass Rates of CPA Exam. According to the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy's 2010 candidate performance report, Thomas Edison State College graduates have the highest pass rates for the Uniform Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Examination among all regionally accredited senior institutions of higher education in New Jersey that offer accounting programs. According to the report, 61.5 percent of Thomas Edison State College graduates who took the Uniform CPA Examination in the calendar year 2009 passed the exam.

New Noncredit Certificates and Courses. Thomas Edison State College launched several new online noncredit certificates and courses focusing on family and school nutrition, and nonprofit management that are built around the unique needs of adult learners. New professional certificates are now offered in Family Nutrition, Functional Family Nutrition,

and School Nutrition and Wellness. Noncredit course offerings now include Nonprofit Accounting and Grantsmanship for Nonprofits.