

H. Major Research and Public Service Activities

MCC's Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning – Democracy House promotes active citizenship and enhanced learning by encouraging students to become involved in their community. The Center's activities include direct service with area nonprofits, service scholarships, a community service fair, leadership training, service-learning courses and a lecture series.

The High School Scholars Program allows students to take college level courses and receive college credit 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 on campus during early release time or after school. Other options include courses that are given in area high schools during the school day.

The GATEway program allows high-achieving middle school students who have completed grade 7, 8, or 9 to take college courses over the summer for enrichment or college credit. Students must submit an application and will be interviewed for acceptance into 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 want to become teachers. It is primarily aimed at career-changers. Programs include Introduction to the Teaching Profession: 24 hour course (part of the credentials required to earn a Certificate of Eligibility from the NJ Department of Education) as well as 90 hours of coursework in literacy (45 hours) and math (45 hours), both of which are 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 Institutes train educators to teach Advanced Placement courses in high schools. Participants receive a certificate for 30 Professional Development hours upon completion of the institute.

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 College hosts the NJ DECA Central Regional Blue and Gold Conferences for marketing students from throughout Central NJ.

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.