

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 Arts in Human Services, Associate in Science in Applied Science and Technology, Associate in Science in Business Administration, and Associate in Science in Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

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 Information Management (a joint degree with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey), Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences (a joint degree with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey), Bachelor of Science in Human Services, Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging Sciences (a joint degree with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey), Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), 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 began 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 eight 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 Business Administration (see below), Master of Public Service Leadership, Master of Science in Applied Science and Technology, Master of Science in Human Resources Management, Master of Science in Management, and Master of Science in Nursing (MSN). Graduates of the MSN degree program earn a Nursing Administration, Nursing

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

The Master of Business Administration (MBA) and the Master of Public Service Leadership (MPSL) are new degree programs that will be offered during FY 2013. The Master of Business Administration is an accelerated, online, and career-focused MBA degree that prepares individuals for leadership roles in firms and organizations. The entire program can be completed in 18 months. The Master of Public Service Leadership is a 36-credit program offered entirely online and meets the accelerating demand for education and careers in public service. The Master of Public Service Leadership has been developed in alignment with the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) standards for accreditation.

There are also graduate Certificate programs offered: Clinical Trials Management, Homeland Security, Human Resources Management, Nursing Administration, Nursing Education, and Nursing Informatics, Online Learning and Teaching, Organizational Leadership, Project Management, and 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).

The College offers a Post-Master's Certificate in Educational Leadership.

There are also several Bachelor's to Master's degree programs available that enable undergraduate students to earn 9 graduate credits that apply to both their bachelor's degree and a master's degree at the College.

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. The theme of the June 2012 conference was Tradition and Innovation in a Competitive Environment. Keynote speakers included Jerry Ice, President and CEO of the Graduate School USA, and Louis Soares, former Director of the Postsecondary Education program in the Center for American Progress.

Noncredit Certificates and Courses. Thomas Edison State College offers online noncredit certificates and courses that are built around the unique needs of adult learners. Professional courses and/or certificates are offered in Fitness Training and Management, Nutrition, Healthcare, Human Resources/Career Development, Teaching, Workshops for Social Workers and Mental Health Providers, Cyber/Homeland Security, Business Management/Entrepreneurship, Nonprofit Management, and Building/Construction Management. More information about these noncredit certificates and courses can be found at: <http://www.tesc.edu/watson/Find-Noncredit-Program.cfm>.