

## H. A PROFILE OF THE INSTITUTION

### 1. Degree and certificate programs

**Undergraduate degree and certificate programs.** Thomas Edison State College offers six associate degrees and eight baccalaureate degrees (including a joint degree program 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 Science in Public and Social Services.

The Baccalaureate 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 Human Services, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership. The College also offers a RN to BSN/MSN program; this program provides a seamless transition for students enrolled in the Bachelor of Nursing degree who want to earn a Masters of Science in Nursing degree.

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, Human Resources Management, Labor Studies, Marketing, Operations Management, and Public Administration.

**Master's degree programs and certificates.** The College currently offers five master's degree programs: the Master of Arts in Educational Leadership, the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (formally known as the Master of Arts in Professional Studies), the Master of Science in Human Resources Management, the Master of Science in Management, and the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN). Graduates of the MSN degree program earn a Nurse Educator certificate in addition to the MSN degree.

There are four professional focus areas within the Master of Science in Management Program: Human Resource Management, Online Learning and Teaching, Public Sector Auditing/Public Service Leadership, and Project Leadership. In the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program, students may design their own professional focus area or select from one of the pre-designed focus areas.

There are also several graduate certificate program offered: Clinical Trials Management, Homeland Security, Human Resources Management, Online Learning and Teaching, Organizational Management and Leadership, and Public Service Leadership (open only to graduates of the Executive Potential Program offered by the United States Department of

Agriculture's Graduate School). The College also offers two post Master's certificates: Nurse Educator and Educational Leadership.

More information about the degree programs offered by the College and the majors/areas of study offered is available on our 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 Learning.** The National Institute on the Assessment of Learning is sponsored annually by Thomas Edison State College, in cooperation with the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL). The main goals of the National Institute are to address issues related to assessment and adult learning. This year marked the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Institute. The keynote speaker was Stephen Brookfield, Distinguished Professor, School of Education, University of St. Thomas, an internationally renowned adult education scholar. Other speakers included Kurt Landgraf, President and CEO, Educational Testing Service, Inc. (ETS), and Jerry Ice, President and CEO, GS Graduate School, Washington, DC.

**Mobile Learning Initiative.** Thomas Edison State College launched the latest phase of its Mobile Learning Initiative with a new course delivery system that enables students to access 20 online courses with any web-enabled cell phone or other mobile device. The courses, known as Mobile Option *e-Pack*® courses, enable students to use smartphones to download and complete diagnostic quizzes in preparation for a final exam.

**Workforce Career Coach Facilitator Professional Certificate Program.** A newly developed Workforce Career Coach Facilitator professional certificate program was approved by the Center for Credentialing and Education (CCE) to satisfy the training component for earning the Global Career Development Facilitator credential. This training is being offered online.