General Information

Bergen Community College is a comprehensive, publicly supported, two-year institution that enrolls nearly 16,000 students from 100 countries around the world. More than 9,000 students also are enrolled in non-credit, professional development courses.

Bergen offers its students an affordable tuition rate far below the cost of many four-year institutions. The College has more than 1,000 full-time and adjunct faculty members who hold master’s degrees, doctorates, or both. Bergen’s graduates are actively sought by four-year colleges and by business, industry, healthcare facilities, law firms, government, and social service agencies throughout Bergen County.

The College offers classes throughout the year, including winter and summer sessions, and distance learning degree options, giving students flexibility with their schedule and progression through their studies. Both day and evening courses are offered. Start dates for classes also vary — some courses can be completed in as little as three weeks.

Bergen provides its students with a well-rounded educational experience. The College holds many events throughout the year to honor its students’ rich diversity. These celebrations offer students an opportunity to learn about different cultures and attend lectures from world-renowned speakers. Students may participate in more than 50 student clubs and organizations in leadership development and organizational support. Bergen also provides students the opportunity to participate in collegiate sports teams and intramural sports.

The College is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Through its open admissions policy, Bergen is committed to equal educational opportunities for all students. The College receives funding from the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders and from the State of New Jersey.

I took courses I never thought I’d be interested in — two classes, especially. I became interested in topics I had never even considered before.

Troy Valiance
• Associate in Applied Science - Drafting and Design Technology

Facts-at-a-Glance

• Enrollment: Bergen is the state’s largest community college with more than 16,000 students.

• Financial aid: In 2012, Bergen students qualified for nearly $23.7 million in Pell Grants, which do not need to be repaid (unlike loans).

• Diversity: Students from more than 130 countries attend Bergen.

• Transfer: The College maintains articulation (transfer) agreements with 33 four-year schools.

• Class size: Capacity in most classes is fewer than 30 students — with many below 20.

• Affordability: Bergen has one of the lowest rates in the region: $130.55 per credit.

• New courses: The College recently unveiled a program in aviation and avionics.
Our Locations

Main Campus (Paramus)

Bergen’s 167-acre (main campus) features the Pitkin Education Center, which includes the Sidney Silverman Library, the Anna Maria Ciccone Theatre and the new student center, incorporating new offices, green technologies and conservation practices, and an expanded lower-level café. West Hall is a high-tech facility that contains television studios and a radio studio. Other buildings include Skoskie Hall and the Technology Education Center, which features computer labs and two observatory domes. The Moses Family Meeting and Training Center also is located in the Technology Education Center. Rounding out the buildings is Ender Hall, which features the Childhood Development Center, a greenhouse complex and a 100-seat theatre.

Bergen Community College at the Meadowlands (Lyndhurst)

The mission of Bergen Community College at the Meadowlands is to provide an affordable and quality education that gives students a competitive advantage in the global marketplace and access to the best employment opportunities. The facility offers a convenient and flexible educational environment that promotes lifelong learning and achievement for the residents of southern Bergen County and beyond. Students can complete professional studies and criminal justice transfer degrees at the Meadowlands location. For more information, please call (201) 447-7920, email BCCMeadowlands@bergen.edu or log on to www.bergen.edu/bccmeadowlands.

Philip Ciarco Jr. Learning Center (Hackensack)

The Philip Ciarco Jr. Learning Center, located at 355 Main Street in Hackensack N.J., was founded by the College in 1970 to provide educational and counseling services for adults who have not completed a formal high school education and for adults who are interested in studying English-as-a-Second Language. A significant number of these students have gone on to college and other post-secondary training, while others have improved their quality of life through language acquisition or through the development of workplace skills for employment or job advancement. The Ciarco Center also offers credit courses with accelerated schedules. For more information, please call (201) 489-1551 or log on to www.bergen.edu/ciarccenter.

New Locations

The College offers limited courses at Fort Lee High School (business and continuing education) and the Bergen County Law and Public Safety Institute [criminal justice].
Enrollment Process

Follow these simple instructions to get started at Bergen Community College

Apply to Bergen Community College.
www.bergen.edu/admissions

Complete the Financial Aid Form (FAFSA).
www.bergen.edu/fa

Take the placement test.
www.bergen.edu/testing

Meet with an advisor and register.
www.bergen.edu/advising

Pay your bill.
www.bergen.edu/bursar

Get prepared.
www.bergen.edu/studentlife

www.bergen.edu/getstarted

Helpful Information

- Application
  Online Application: www.bergen.edu/admissions
  PDF Version: www.bergen.edu/paperapplication

- Catalog
  www.bergen.edu/catalog

- Course Offerings
  go.bergen.edu

- Need Help? Email admissions@bergen.edu

All information is subject to change. Please visit www.bergen.edu for the most up-to-date information. To request this document in an alternate format, please contact the Office of Recruitment and Admissions.

Bergen opened my eyes — it was the best decision I could make. I became actively involved in things, I had wonderful professors and now I’m going to Cornell. It’s not where you go — it’s what you make of it.

Monica Neira
- Associate in Arts - Liberal Arts
- NJ Stars Scholarship
- Bergen Community College Athlete - Softball
Transfer (A.A. & A.S.) Programs

Transfer programs include a course of study that corresponds to the freshman and sophomore offerings at most colleges and universities and are designed primarily for students planning to transfer into a baccalaureate degree program. In recent years, Bergen has worked to simplify the transfer process by signing articulation agreements with colleges and universities in New Jersey and throughout the U.S. Visit www.bergen.edu/artifacts for details.

Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree
Options: Liberal Arts
- General Curriculum (Undecided)
- Cinema Studies
- Communication
- Economics
- Global Studies
- History
- Latin American Studies
- Literature
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religion
- Social Sciences
- Sociology
- Women’s Studies
- World Languages and Cultures

Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree
Options: Fine and Performing Arts
- General Curriculum
- Art
- Cinema Studies
- Music Arts
- Theatre Arts
- General
  - Acting
  - Dance
  - Technical Production

Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree
Options: Engineering Science
- Engineering

Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree
Options: Engineering Science
- General Curriculum
- Aviation Administration
- Broadcasting
- Business Administration-General
  - Accounting
  - Hospitality Management
- International Trade
- Management
- Marketing
- Nonprofit Management
- Criminal Justice
- Early Childhood Education
- Education
- Exercise Science
- Health Science (Administration/Non-Clinical)
- Information Technology
- Journalism
- Labor Studies
- Social Work

Distance Learning (Online)
Bergen Community College provides hundreds of online courses — including 18 full online degree programs. Visit www.bergen.edu/dlearning for more information.

AA Degrees
- Psychology (AA.LA.PSY)
- Sociology (AA.LA.SOC)
- Social Sciences (AA.LA.SOC.SCI)
- Philosophy and Religion (AA.LA.PHIL)
- History (AA.LA.HIST)
- General Curriculum (AA.LA.GEN)
- Women’s Studies (AA.LA.WMST)
- Literature (AA.LA.LIT)
- Communications (AA.LA.COMM)

AS Degrees
- Administration (AS.PS.BUS.ADM)
- Management (AS.PS.BUS.MGMT)
- Marketing (AS.PS.BUS.MKTG)
- Accounting (AS.PS.BUS.ACCT)

AAS Degrees
- Law Enforcement Studies (AAS.HS.LAWENF)
- Correctional Studies (AAS.HS.CORR)
- Health Sciences (AAS.HP.HLTH/SCI)

Certificate
- United States Studies (CERT.US)
Career Degree Programs (A.A.S.)

Career programs emphasize training needed to enter a chosen field of employment. Designed for students planning to begin a career immediately after receiving an associate degree, career programs are available in various technologies, health sciences, human services, and business. Graduates of these programs work as technicians, accountants, paralegals, legal nurse consultants, law enforcement officers, commercial artists, nurses, and professionals in local and nationwide organizations.

Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree

**Art**
- Computer Animation
- Graphic Design/Computer Graphics

**Business Administration**
- Accounting
- Banking and Finance
- E-Business Management
- Management Information Systems

**Career Technologies**
- Drafting and Design Technology
- Electronics Technology
- General Engineering Technology
- Horticulture
- Horticulture/Landscape/Design/Build
- Manufacturing Technology
- Publishing Operations Management

**Health Professions**
- Dental Hygiene
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Health Science (for current professionals)
- Medical Office Assistant
- Paramedic Science
- Radiography
- Respiratory Care
- Veterinary Technology

**Health Professions and Career Technologies**
- Medical Informatics

**Hotel/Restaurant/Hospitality General**
- Catering/Banquet Management
- Culinary Entrepreneurship
- Event Planning and Management
- Hospitality Management

**Information Technology**
- Database Programming and Administration
- Networking Administration
- Web Development and Management

**Music**
- Business
- Recording Technology

**Nursing**
- Full-time Day Program (Fall entrance only)
- Part-time Evening Program (Spring entrance only)

**Software Development**
- Game Programming
- Game Testing

**Human Services**
- Correctional Studies
- Law Enforcement Studies
- Legal Studies - Paralegal

Bergen has given me opportunities that I don’t feel I could find anywhere else. The greatest opportunity I have here is being in student government — that has opened doors to people I wouldn’t have necessarily met.

*Kayla Williams*
- Associate in Science – Natural Science and Mathematics
- Student Government Association
- Trailblazer Ambassador
One-Year Certificate Programs and Certificates of Achievement

Certificates award recognition to students who successfully complete a program of specialized courses in a specific discipline. These courses prepare a student for a specific occupation or job responsibility, or encompass a specialized body of knowledge in the arts or sciences.

**One-Year Certificate Programs**
- Computer Aided Drafting (CAD)
- Computer Animation
- Computer Graphics
- Computer Science
- Computer Technical Support
- Culinary Arts
- Culinary Science
- Database Programming and Administration
- E-Commerce: Business Emphasis
- Event Planning and Management
- Exercise Science
- Floral Design
- Grounds Management
- Hospitality Management
- Labor Studies
- Landscaping
- Legal Nurse Consultant
- Medical Office Administrative Assistant
- Music Business
- Music Technology
- Musical Theatre
- Office Technology
- Piano Instruction/Pedagogy
- Radiation Therapy Technology
- Small Business Management
- Surgical Technology
- Vascular Technology

**Certificate of Achievement**
- Accounting Assistant
- Baking
- Biotechnology
- Business Paraprofessional Management
- Catering
- Child Development
- CNC Programming
- Commercial Music Production
- Finance
- Fire Science
- Forensic Science
- Homeland Security
- Hospitality Operations
- Labor Studies
- Machine Tooling
- Manufacturing Design
- Marketing Assistant
- Network Security
- Nonprofit Management
- Private Security
- Professional Cooking
- Real Estate
- Retailing
- Special Imaging for Radiologic Technologists
- Sports Management
- Sports Merchandising
- Welding

I was able to fulfill a lifelong dream at Bergen Community College. By studying as part of the high-tech aviation program, I ultimately earned an internship at Newark Liberty International Airport. I would not have received that opportunity if I was at another school.

**Blair Greene**
- Aviation Science Internship
- Associate in Science - Professional Studies
Community Education

**American Language Program**
www.bergen.edu/alp
The mission of the American Language Program is to provide English as a Second Language (ESL) students, from beginner to advanced levels, with the knowledge and English language skills needed to reach their academic, professional, and personal goals.

The ALP has four levels of academic study (Foundations, Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced), and each level consists of courses in Grammar, Reading, Writing, and Speaking. The student’s starting level is determined by results of a language placement test.

**Continuing Education**
www.bergen.edu/continuinged
The Division of Continuing Education is the entrepreneurial arm of Bergen Community College. The emphasis of the Division revolves around economic development through job training, career enhancement, and enrichment programming leading to lifelong learning. The Division serves as a testing ground for new programs, many in partnership with associate degree programs.

Many programs are offered in computers, construction, fashion and interior design, insurance and finance, health and fitness, languages, online courses, test prep, children’s programs and many more. For more information on courses and programs call (201) 447-7488 or visit the website.

**English as a Second Language**
www.bergen.edu/esl
Students wishing to learn or improve their English language writing and speaking skills will find a wide array of challenging courses available at the Philip J. Ciarco Learning Center in Hackensack and the Meadowlands. ESL courses are offered in convenient formats.

All students enrolled in ESL classes are given free access to Bergen’s Tutoring and Language Center, library and services.

**GED Preparation Courses (Ciarco Learning Center)**
www.bergen.edu/ged
**Academic Skills (AL 511).** This 75-hour course is designed to review the areas of reading, writing, math and practice test-taking techniques. All students will be assessed in reading, math, and language before placement in this course. Enrollment is limited to provide immediate and individualized attention to students. Pre-requisite: placement test.

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*Serafina Riccobono
• Associate in Arts - Graphic Design
• NJ Stars Scholarship
• Bergen Community College Alumni - transferred to Ramapo College of New Jersey*
Student Life and Achieving Success

Student Life

Bergen Community College pulses with the heartbeat of Student Life. More than 50 clubs and organizations, athletic teams and an almost daily schedule of events and activities keep Bergen active and alive with excitement.

Academic Counseling/Advisement

Expert academic counselors, trained faculty advisors/mentors and experienced peer advisors are dedicated to providing students with information and activities that will engage them in academic planning to support their personal academic goals. Bergen’s innovative 1-2-3 Connect program links students with dedicated faculty and student peer mentors to optimize student success. Students may visit www.bergen.edu/123connect for more program details.

Athletics

The athletic program provides students with the opportunity to participate in 13 intercollegiate sports as well as a variety of intramural activities. The College is a Division III (non-scholarship) member of the Garden State Athletic Conference (GSAC) and Region XIX (comprised of two-year colleges in New Jersey, Delaware and Eastern Pennsylvania) of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). For more information, please call (201) 447-7183 or email jhernandez@bergen.edu.

Equal Opportunity Fund (EOF)

The mission of the EOF program is to contribute to the development of a college educated public that reflects the diversity of New Jersey. It provides access to higher education and support for highly motivated students who exhibit the potential for success, but who are unprepared for the demands of college. The EOF program acknowledges the distinctive needs of students and seeks to maximize academic success by providing academic, social and emotional support services, financial assistance, and leadership development activities.

The Judith K. Winn School of Honors

The Judith K. Winn School of Honors offers general education courses in small class settings, with top professors and individual mentoring. It opens doors to success for students at premier colleges and universities.

Office of Specialized Services (OSS)

The Office of Specialized Services provides reasonable accommodations and support to ensure equal access and opportunity for students with disabilities to participate in programs, activities and success.

International Student Center

International F-1 and all other visa students must visit www.bergen.edu/isc, or email intadmissions@bergen.edu for further assistance and deadline dates.

Tutoring

The Henry & Edith Cerullo Learning Assistance Center provides free tutorial support to Bergen students. A wide range of services are offered in an effort to help individuals accomplish their educational goals.
Life After Bergen Community College

Where Bergen Students Go
Bergen is a smart start to a four-year degree for thousands of students each year. These students move on to four-year programs at colleges and universities throughout the state and country. Recent graduates attend schools such as Yale University, Columbia University, Brown University, University of California at Berkeley, New York University, the University of Michigan, Montclair State University and Rutgers University. No matter where you would like to go, Bergen is your first step.

Statewide Transfer Agreement
The statewide transfer agreement allows the seamless transfer of credits earned at the state’s public community colleges to the state’s public baccalaureate institutions. The intent is to reduce the amount of time (and cost) a student commits to a four-year institution, and to simplify the process of graduating from a community college and moving on to a baccalaureate program. Some required prerequisite courses for specific baccalaureate degree programs not offered at the community colleges need to be taken once the student enrolls at a four-year institution.

Transfer Articulation Agreements
Bergen’s general education courses and transfer degrees are accepted without formalized application articulation agreements at most colleges, including New Jersey state schools, public schools, private schools and even Ivy League schools. For a larger list of colleges that Bergen students have transferred to, log onto www.bergen.edu/artifacts.

Transfer Information
NJ Transfer: www.njtransfer.org

New Jersey Colleges
- The College of New Jersey
- Kean University
- Montclair State University
- New Jersey Institute of Technology
- New Jersey City University
- Ramapo College of New Jersey
- The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey
- Rowan University
- Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
- Thomas Edison State College
- University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (bachelor’s degrees only)
- William Paterson University

Career Center
www.bergen.edu/coop
The Transfer and Career Center strives to prepare students to meet their individual goals through career development and transfer programs, experiential learning and employment services. Available services include:
- Cooperative Education
- Service Learning
- Career Planning
- Federal Work Study
- Employment Services
- On Campus Recruitment
- Workshops
- Resume Critique Services
- Resource Library

Min Kim
- Associate in Arts - Liberal Arts/ Economics
- International F-1 VISA
- President of Model UN
- Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society
- Bergen Community College Alumni - transferred to Brown University
- Math Tutor

I came here without any expectation about American education. This was a new beginning. With Bergen, I really liked it and became accustomed to the culture, the people and education.

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