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RADIOGRAPHY PROGRAM CONTINUES TO RAISE THE BAR

The Middlesex College Radiography Program is nationally accredited and prepares students for a rewarding career as a radiologic technologist. The program began in 1970.

“This past year, most of our students were offered positions before they even graduated,” said Radiography Chairperson Patricia Luck. “That didn’t happen even five years ago.”

The program is selective and full-time. Currently, there are 30 students in the first-year cohort and 25 in the second year. The curriculum begins with basics such as Anatomy and Physiology before moving on to more advanced courses.

The education includes a mixture of classroom learning and practical experience.

“We are a 24-month consecutive program,” Luck explains. “Our first-year students have coursework Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and they are in clinical settings on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Then in the summer, we have a pre-summer session on campus, lectures and labs that last about five weeks, and then they go to clinical sites for nine weeks. It’s a pretty intense schedule.”

After completing their course work at Middlesex College, students must take a national certification exam to be able to receive a New Jersey state license, and this is where Luck cannot help but boast about the program’s success. In 2018 and 2019, 100% of Middlesex College graduates passed the exam on the first try; the first-time pass rate was 96% in 2020. The school’s five-year average is 98%.

The application process for the Class of 2026 started September 1 and closes December 15. The number of students Middlesex College can accept

is predicated on available supervisory staff on the clinical side. The College maintains relationships with clinical sites throughout Middlesex County and beyond.

Four members of the current faculty in the Radiography program are also alumni. Luck completed the program herself in 1996 and has worked in various roles in the department since 2004. There is an active Facebook page for alumni to post job openings in the field and the median salary in New Jersey is around \$70,000.

“Right now, because everyone in healthcare is so short-handed, there are lots of opportunities,” Luck said.



Professor Kim Krapels demonstrates patient position for a Chest X-Ray to first-year students Brittany Medina and Vanessa Eiras

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS

CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

From September 15 to October 15, the College community recognized and celebrated the many contributions, diverse cultures, and extensive histories of the American Latino community with screenings of the musical “In the Heights” and documentary film “La Cosecha,” a Latinx Mental Wellness and Community Resilience event, a virtual Hispanic Heritage Trivia game, and a Sugar Skull Painting session at the library.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

The Student Engagement Fair was a great opportunity for students to learn about the many ways they can get engaged at Middlesex College through student organizations and clubs, athletics, and more.





GO COLTS!

The women's soccer team won their third game of the season, beating Camden County College 9-2, while the women's volleyball team defeated Sussex County College 3-0.

GIVING BACK

Ellen Rey '73 CRNA, ARNP, president and managing partner of RoRy Anesthesia Services, established a new scholarship – the RoRy Anesthesia Annual Scholarship – for Hispanic women pursuing a career in nursing. The \$2000 scholarship is renewable for a second year so long as the student continues to meet eligibility requirements. Rey's purpose for creating the scholarship was to give back to Middlesex College for giving her the opportunity to obtain an education at a time when other schools were not accepting many immigrant students.

COMMEMORATING CONSTITUTION DAY



In recognition of Constitution Day, Democracy House students staffed a voter registration table in College Center. Pictured above (from left) are students Karen Edema, Jason Tabet, and Yesica Chico Urban. Middlesex College is also competing in Ballot Bowl 2023, an initiative of New Jersey Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of State Tahesha Way, against 23 other New Jersey colleges and universities to see which institution can register the most students and collect the greatest number of pledges to vote.

New Brunswick Public Schools	President McCormick	Met with New Brunswick Superintendent Johnson and explored opportunities for collaboration, including expanding Dual Enrollment
Edison Job Corps	President McCormick, Vice Presidents Laureano and Scherr, Deans Duzgoren-Aydin and Nester, and Assistant Deans Orosz and Rodriguez-Gregory	Met with Center Director Stripling and team for a tour of the Job Corps campus and to discuss opportunities for collaboration

Tuesday, September 26	Middlesex County Business Summit	Edison
Tuesday, September 26	Rae Kushner Yeshiva High School Admissions Presentation	Livingston
Wednesday, September 27	Amazon Career Choice College Fair	Edison
Thursday, September 28	Carteret High School College and Career Night	Carteret
Saturday, September 30	Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration	Perth Amboy
Sunday, October 1	East Brunswick Day	East Brunswick
Monday, October 2	North Brunswick High School Admissions Presentation	North Brunswick
Wednesday, October 4	Linden High School College Fair	Linden
Friday, October 6 and Friday, October 13	Affinity Credit Union Youth Financial Literacy Workshops	Edison
Saturday, October 7	New Brunswick Education Foundation High School and Alumni Presentation	Middlesex College New Brunswick Center
Wednesday, October 11	Amazon Career Choice College Fair	Carteret
Thursday, October 12	HarvestFest	Middlesex College Edison Campus
Thursday, October 12	Monroe Township High School College Fair	Monroe
Tuesday, October 17	East Brunswick High School Admissions Presentation	East Brunswick
Tuesday, October 17	Highland Park High School Admissions Presentation	Highland Park
Tuesday, October 17	South Brunswick High School College Fair	South Brunswick
Multiple times	Admissions Information Session*	Virtual events
Multiple times	FAFSA on Demand Workshop*	Virtual events
Multiple times	Paying for College Info Session*	Virtual events
Multiple times	Health Programs Information Session	Virtual events
On an ongoing basis	Live chat appointments*	Via the web

*in English and Spanish

Wednesday, November 8*	Board Committee meetings	Via Zoom
Friday, November 10	Veterans Day	
Monday, November 13 8:30 a.m.	Annual Meeting and regular November Board meeting	West Hall, Parkview Room and via Zoom

*All morning (to be determined)