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College Establishes Center To Serve Business, Industry

Edison State College has reinforced its mission to serve New Jersey Business and Industry by creating the Center for Management Education and Services. "The Center will expand the service to management and nonmanagement employees now provided through the Program on Noncollegiate Sponsored Instruction (PONSI)," President George Pruitt announced. The PONSI Program is a national program sponsored by the American Council on Education which evaluates learning offered outside the sponsorship of colleges and universities and makes credit recommendations. Edison State College has responsibility for this program in New Jersey.

Since 1981, Edison State College has conducted twenty-one PONSI evaluations of formal industry and agency educational programs. These evaluations have resulted in the recommendation of college credit for 211 courses offered by eleven corporations and five agencies.

The PONSI program has been an excellent investment for PONSI sponsors. For an expenditure of less than \$35,000, New Jersey industries have saved between \$6.3 and \$24.6 million, the equivalent costs of tuition at a state supported or private institutions.

"The Center will focus on helping management meet their educational needs as cost-effectively as possible," Dr. Pruitt said. Center membership will provide organizations with an array of Edison services including on-site counseling, orientation, advising, and testing. In addition, Center members will be able to contract for other services such as PONSI evaluations, or on-site portfolio advisement, program development, or career counseling workshops. Other services such as out placement counseling will be developed as requested.

If an organization needs other than Edison services, staff will assist in identifying other academic institutions that can offer credit or non-credit courses on-site. Through its Statewide Testing and Assessment Center, the College has access to the programs and services of more than 20 other colleges and universities.

"The Center will continue the College's history of serving New Jersey. Its focus will be on helping management improve the educational level of its employees thus creating a positive atmosphere for learning and working," Dr. Pruitt said.

Dr. Sonja A. Eveslage, Director of Community Programs, will direct the Center. She has been with the College for a year as Director of Special Programs, with primary responsibility for directing the PONSI Program.



President George A. Pruitt and Dr. Sonja A. Eveslage, Director of Community Programs, discuss ways in which the newly created Center for Management Education will help the College expand its services to business and industry.



Participating in the ribbon-cutting ceremony that officially opened Edison State College's Southern Regional Office at 100 Kings Highway South in Cherry Hill were (left to right): Jules Kahn, Director of Financial Aid and Military Affairs for the College; Dr. George A. Pruitt, President of the College; Cherry Hill Mayor Maria Barnaby Greenwald; and Edward F. Borden, President of the Cherry Hill Chamber of Commerce.

Services Increase in Southern N.J. With New Regional Office

Edison State College recently celebrated the opening of its Southern Regional Office at 100 Kings Highway South in Cherry Hill. The new office will be the regional site of academic counseling, financial aid counseling, military academic advising, and general information about the College.

Although Edison State College's main office is located in Trenton, the college works with other state and county colleges, adult schools,

libraries, and military bases to provide academic counseling in over 30 locations throughout New Jersey. The Cherry Hill Office will coordinate the Southern New Jersey sites, including Glassboro State College, Gloucester County College, Cumberland County College, Camden County Library, Cherry Hill Public Library, Willingboro Public Library, Fort Dix, Lakehurst Naval Air Station, and McGuire Air Force Base.

Women's Center Announced

Edison State College recently announced the beginning of Women's Resources and Referral Services (WRRS), a women's center "without walls." The program provides a central office where women can get help in dealing with the issues that hamper their pursuing and completing a degree.

L. Ann Bielawski has been appointed to direct Women's Resources and Referral Services. As Coordinator of Information Services at Edison State College, she has worked extensively in developing educational resources that assist adults in continuing their education. College-wide in scope, the WRRS program will involve participation of staff members throughout the College.

WRRS will provide support and encouragement to women working on

Edison State College degrees and will supplement already existing college services by relating these services specifically to the needs and experiences of women. As a first step in this effort, an information packet is presently being developed which will demonstrate how homemaking and volunteer skills may be evaluated for possible college credit through the portfolio assessment process.

WRRS will provide an opportunity for students to discuss problems and successes. Future projects of WRRS include the development of support groups, study groups, and an internship program.

Working in conjunction with WRRS, the Office of Admissions is expanding its outreach efforts to women. Nancy Norville, Coordinator

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Student Services

Edison State College has always provided support services to help its students succeed in fulfilling their educational goals. The College regularly reviews its services to adult students and looks for ways to improve upon them. Pre enrollment and financial aid counseling, academic advising, orientation sessions, and workshops on program planning and portfolio development are some of the services available to students.



Program Coordinator Arthur Rosenfeld with student Elly Shapiro.



Following the recent reorganization of the academic programs area, four coordinators were appointed who are specialists in their respective areas. They are (left to right, front row): Ron Sukovich, Coordinator of Business Programs; Arthur Rosenfeld, Coordinator of Human Services Programs; Diane Gruenberg (back row), Coordinator of Liberal Arts Programs; and Susan Friedman, Coordinator of Applied Science and Technology Programs.

Women's Center Announced

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of Admissions, will arrange group presentations for women's clubs and other organizations interested in learning more about Edison State College. A list is being compiled of Edison State College women who are interested in sharing their educational experiences with potential and new students. Anyone interested in being included in the listing should write or call Nancy Norville at the Trenton office, (609) 984-1119.

Edison State College Alumna, Rhoda Cooper '81, is interested in starting a network of women Edison graduates. The network will give graduates an opportunity to get

together to compare experiences and exchange ideas on career planning, job searches, graduate school, or other mutual concerns. The groups will be organized at various locations throughout the state as well as out-of-state if a sufficient number of women are interested. Women interested in participating should write to Rhoda Cooper, 836 Jersey Ave., Elizabeth, NJ 07202.

Women who have ideas on how the Center can assist them in pursuing their educational goals or who are having difficulties in completing their degrees are encouraged to contact Women's Resources and Referral Services at 609/984-1100.



Susan Friedman, Coordinator of the Applied Science and Technology Programs, with student, Rajendra Shah.



Pictured above are Diane Gruenberg, (left), Coordinator of Basic Skills, and Academic Counselor Jan Palmer, who works with students to satisfy basic skills requirements. An article by Ms. Gruenberg, "College Basic Skills Programs: A National Survey" has been accepted for publication in Journal of Developmental and Remedial Education. It will appear in the Spring 1983 issue.

Financial Aid Opportunities

Financial Aid counseling on an individual and group basis is available during the day or in the evening. For an appointment, call Jules Kahn, Director of Financial Aid, at (609) 354-0090.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The College has awarded over \$3,000 in Charlotte Newcombe Foundation Scholarships to women 25 years or older who are preparing for a second career and have completed at least half of the credits necessary for a baccalaureate degree. Academic promise must be shown as well as financial need. Life circumstances and family responsibility are also considered.

Except for the application fee, Newcombe Scholarships can be used for all Edison State College costs. This includes TECEP examinations and portfolio assessment.

Newcombe, as well as New Jersey Bell and Edison Fund Scholarships, are still available for qualified applicants. Applications can be obtained from the Director of Financial Aid.

PELL GRANT AND GUARANTEED STUDENT LOAN PROGRAMS

Edison State College students who are taking 6 or more credits at a traditional college might be eligible for a Pell Grant or a Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL).

The actual amount of the Pell Grant depends on income, cost of education at the institution where

courses are being taken, and the number of credits which the student is enrolled. The Pell Grant does not have to be repaid.

The Guaranteed Student Loan also applies to enrolled students at Edison State College who are taking 6 or more credits at a traditional college. The GSL is a 9 percent loan that is made to you by a bank, credit union, or savings and loan association. The amount of the loan cannot be more than the cost of attendance, less any other financial aid received. Financial need must be demonstrated by those with an income that is over \$30,000 per year. Loan repayment begins 6 months after leaving school or graduating.

VETERAN'S BENEFITS

V. A. benefits for enrolled students at Edison State College can apply only to actual courses taken at approved colleges. The courses must be applicable to the degree program being pursued. A written request for course approval must be submitted to the Registrar's Office at Edison State College. If the courses have not been approved by the College advisor, photocopies of the course descriptions must accompany the request.

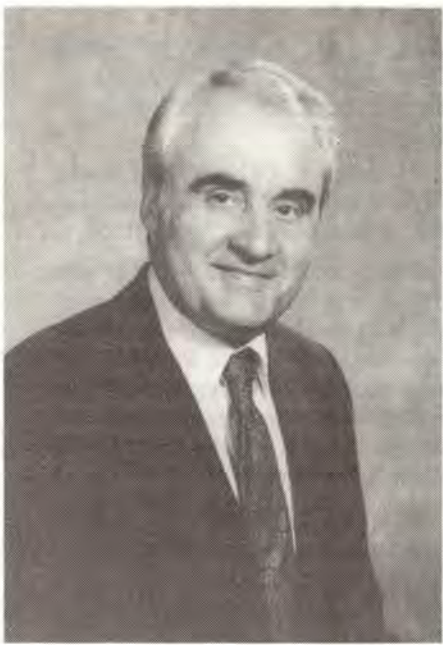
The institution where courses are being taken is responsible for forwarding all necessary V. A. forms to the Veteran's Administration. The enrollment certification should not be forwarded by the institution until the specific courses that the student is taking are approved by the Registrar's Office at Edison State College.

Testing and assessment Options Key to Graduate's Success

"It's a matter of setting goals," explained Edison Graduate Al Grampp. Al approached his goal of attaining a college degree with the same determination as other goals in his life. At age 54, he ran in the 26 mile Philadelphia marathon and immediately set a new goal—the Boston Marathon. In the education area, Al's perseverance has paid off as well. Not content with earning his Bachelor of Arts degree, Al plans to enter law school in the near future. "I would highly recommend the Edison learning experience to self-motivated people," Al stated. He went on to recall the stages of his educational achievement:

"Until I heard about Edison State College, I thought that a college degree was an impossible dream for me. It just did not fit into my busy schedule. I was holding down a full-time job as vice president of a retail furniture and carpet company. I also had family responsibilities. I was always interested in education, however, and enjoyed reading and studying. I had developed a lecture series on a variety of subjects, such as sales and marketing, and the history of furniture styles in America. I delivered these lectures free of charge in schools and colleges. In 1978, I was invited to teach a course on sales and marketing at Stockton State College. This was a big thrill for me. But, I

still never thought that I would ever be able to go to college. It was in 1971 that I first heard about CLEP, the College Level Examination Program. I was curious as to how my level of knowledge measured up to College standards, so I took the test. When I received the results, I didn't even understand them. It was not until 1978 when I saw an Edison counselor that my CLEP test was evaluated and I was informed that I had 18 credits. I found that I had taken the five general exams and passed three of them. A schedule for the Associate degree was developed and I was encouraged to enroll and take additional CLEP tests. My adviser also suggested that I consider the portfolio assessment program. I enrolled in Edison in April of 1978, took additional CLEP tests, and two years later I received my Associate in Arts degree. I had achieved my first goal. I set a new goal—my Bachelor of Arts Degree. I knuckled down to study in earnest and eliminated most "light" reading and entertainment. I would get up at five or six in the morning and study. The CLEP tests had worked best for me, so I continued to take them. I took only one traditional course, Business Math, at Atlantic Community College; I felt I was weak in that subject and needed help. I received a B and three credits.



Al Grampp

In preparing to take an examination, I found the Barnes and Noble Outline series to be very helpful. I would pick a CLEP subject that I needed to complete my requirements and then find a book to cover the subject. If I needed additional information I referred to my *Encyclopedia Britannica*. If I still needed further help I went to college libraries, where I found the staff to be most helpful in tracking down the information that I needed. I took extensive notes. I brought my textbooks along with me in my sales work, and used the time while waiting for appointments to "crack" my books. If I had the energy I would also study late at night. I finally reached the point where I was taking a CLEP test a month. The staff at the local College began to look for me on the third Saturday of the month when the tests were administered. "Here's Al again to take his test!" they would say, and inquire about my progress. It was not all progress however; I had some setbacks. I had to take the Psychology test three times before I

passed it. I studied four test books on the subject, and accumulated three hundred pages of notes and sketches on the subject. There were other subjects that I had to take over also. I would just try to study that much harder for them. By January of 1981 I had accrued 81 credits and felt that it was time to consider the portfolio assessment method of earning credits. I went to a Portfolio Workshop and found it to be very helpful. I would recommend it to anyone who is considering the route of portfolio assessment. For several months I worked on my portfolio. I had taken a real estate course some years ago and had a license, so I found a college course that covered that subject. I eventually submitted a request and documentation for 34 credits. I even found a course in a West Point College catalog that covered my Army experience over 34 years ago! (I received credit for it too.) I was awarded 28 credits for my portfolio assessment in the course of time. Another hurdle was the pre-graduation conference. I had chosen the subject dealing with German culture and language. Edison staff guided me through this period, as they had throughout the whole program. I met with a professor versed in this field. Again, I felt I had achieved a goal when I was informed that he was satisfied with my knowledge in this area.

On June 11, 1982, the great day arrived when I achieved my goal of having qualified for the B.A.! I had taken the last test in April of 1982. That was exactly four years from the day that I enrolled at Edison State College. The tally was as follows: traditional college courses credits, 3; CLEP and TECEP credits, 90; Portfolio Assessment credits, 28; total credits, 121. I would estimate the dollar cost of completing my degree at about \$1,250—a real bargain in this inflationary period!

Rincon Latino —The Latin Corner

Angela Fontan—Editor

Abrimos la primera edicion de Rincon Latino deseandoles a todos nuestros lectores, alumnos, y amigos que con el comienzo de éste año, y de que esta columna tenga exito en todos los proyectos que tengan planeado para 1983.

Rincon Latino sera de ahora en adelante el medio que se utilizará para que nuestros lectores puedan vocear sus opiniones y sobre todos compartir sus actividades, intereses. Servirá de medio para publicar contribuciones poeticas, literarias y culturales; en fin, imagenes de nuestro origen etnico.

Ruego por este medio a nuestros colegas, alumnos, ex-alumnos, graduados y amigos todos su cooperacion para que ano sea rotundo éxito. Su colaboración hará posible que muchos adultos hispanos vean "la luz al final del tunel." Tenemos tendencia de pensar que el tunel tiene dimensiones infinitas y nó es asi, al-gunos túneles son mas largas que otros pero al final siempre se hace la luz.

En mi capacidad de consejera en Edison State College he tenido el privilegio de conocer a una cantidad asombrosa de adultos con habilidades inimaginarias muchos de ellos sin dirección educacional, o tal vez muy ocupados en "dar" (a nuestros hijos, padres, amigos etc.) y prestando poca atención a nosotros mismos. Espero

que esta columna sirva tanto para "dar" como para "recibir" las compensaciones y frustraciones que tenemos todos como estudiantes especialmente, estudiantes en un "segundo idioma." Es difcil, pero probado: *no es imposible!*

Ahora un poco de información sobre Edison State College y sus estudiantes latinos. Hemos tenido ya muchos graduados hispanos que han pasado por la experiencia del modelo único que utiliza nuestro colegio, para ayudarles a obtener el ansiado diploma que nos abra las puertas a mejores trabajos, posiciones, y a una mejor vida.

Proyectos futuros, sobre el servicio minoritario seran mencionados en ésta columna frecuentemente para tenerlos al dia sobre el progreso de los servicios del colegio a la comunidad hispana. Esten atentos a los viajes educacionales proyectados para el verano conjuntamente con otros colegios. Hay gratas sorpresas!

Me gustaría que tomaran unos minutos y me escribieran diciéndome que asuntos, areas, les gustaria ver publicado en nuestra columna. Diriga sus correspondencia a:

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TELE TECEP Courses Planned for Fall

Plan ahead for the Fall semester! Why sit in class this summer when you can earn TELE TECEP credits in the Fall?

Edison State College will be offering two TELE TECEP programs. Unlike a traditional telecourse, Edison does not supplement the television broadcast and home study with campus seminars or faculty tutorials. The television programs, along with the texts and study guides, are the basis on which students prepare for a special TECEP examination administered at the conclusion of the broadcast series. Students who feel the need for additional support services (such as a campus based seminar or faculty tutorial) should contact their local community college, as it offers the traditional telecourse.

The following courses will be offered in the Fall:

THE BUSINESS OF MANAGEMENT: Fulfills "Introduction to Management" requirement for BS/BA degree. It is a free elective for all other degrees.

FOCUS ON SOCIETY: An introduction to sociology; classified as a lower level social science course for all degree programs.

Study Trips to Spain, Mexico

Students and alumni are invited to participate in a study trip to Spain July 15 through August 12. The course, for which students may earn 3 credits, will examine Spanish culture.

The program will include round trip air fare from New York to Madrid, room at the University of Madrid, three meals a day, laundry facilities, and weekend excursions.

The cost of the trip is \$1,380.

A Mexico '83 Study Program is also being offered, from June 26 through July 17, in conjunction with Jersey City State College.

For additional information on either trip, contact Angela Fontan at the College's East Orange Office at 201/648-3771.

I would like additional information on the Fall, 1983 TELE TECEP program.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please place my name on the TELE TECEP mailing list for information concerning future programs.

Mail this form to:
The Registrar, Edison State College,
101 West State Street, CN 545,
Trenton, N.J. 08625

Class Notes

Michele Sacks Lowenstein, B.A. '78, went on to law school after graduating from Edison and currently has her own law firm in California, where she specializes in family law, estate planning, and probate and arts law.

Charlotte M. Pensak, '78, of Princeton is currently Assistant Director in the Office of Undergraduate Financial Aid at Princeton University.

William M. Bailey is public relations director for the Ohio Lottery Commission in Cleveland. His responsibilities include the supervision of the development and implementation of the public relations program including media relations and advertising. He appeared in the May, 1982 issue of *Ebony Magazine*.

Dave Clausen, '79, formerly of Princeton, was accepted into the graduate school at the University of Connecticut. He will be attending as a research assistant in the Institute of Materials Science. Prior to moving to Connecticut, Dave was a research technician with FMC Corporation.

Curtis Pool, '77, an independent geologist in Midland, Texas was recently accepted into INTERTEL, a society for the intellectually gifted. He is also a member of MENSA, a worldwide organization of people who score in the 98 percentile on I.Q. tests.

Allen Salm, received his Doctor of Medicine degree from St. George's University School of Medicine in May. He has accepted a residency in Internal Medicine at Abington Memorial Hospital, an affiliate of Temple University's School of Medicine.

Jean Bondoux, '81, has been listed in the 1982 edition of "Who's Who in the South and Southwest" for his contributions to the science of Exploration Geophysics. Mr. Bondoux continued his education after Edison and earned an M.B.A. degree and Master of Science degree in Physical Sciences from the University of Houston.

Richard A. Jorgensen, '81, of Salem, is a Quality Assurance Engineer for United Engineers & Constructors, Inc. Richard is a former school board member and a Salem County Republican Vice Chairman. He just returned from six months in Oak Harbor, Ohio, working at the Davis-Besse Power Plant, writing 52 procedures and setting up and giving training classes.

Florence Peck, '79, of Parlin, and her youngest daughter Monica Rose Peck are both graduates of Edison. Florence received her degree in '79, her daughter graduated in '80.

John Prince, '80, of Pennsville, was formerly the General Manager of a radio station. Since retiring, John is on the Board of Directors of the United Fund of Salem County and the Board of Directors for Retarded Citizens of Salem County.

A. Charles Orgelfinger, '79, of Colonia, is a Veterinary Microbiologist for Merck and Company in Rahway.

Cornelia Muse, a BA graduate, of Camden, is an Employment Counselor at the Department of Labor and Industry for the state of New Jersey. She is also the owner and President of a small business, Jiffy Errand Service, Inc., that provides such personal services as providing transportation to the elderly, pet transportation to veterinarians, plant and pet care for absent owners and small parcel delivery.

Tyron E. Steed, '80, of Newark, is attending Kean College for a Master's in Organizational Development. Tyron is employed in the Veterans

Administration Medical Center in East Orange as Chief, Voluntary Service and Director of Public Relations.

Hannah E. Giles, '81, of Rocky Hill, is a full-time student at Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers.

Lenwood Harris, '81, of Browns Mills, is presently teaching basic skills in English and Math in the Mechanics School of Fort Dix. After receiving his A.A. degree at Edison, Harris continued his education and received a B.S. degree from Southern Illinois University.

Stanley J. Sternik, '79, of Mays Landing, is an engineering technician for the Federal Aviation Administration. Stanley is working as an engineer technician in the chemistry laboratory at the FAA-Tech Center in Atlantic City.

Elaine E. Carson, '81, of Wayne, Pennsylvania, recently had one of her poems published in Villanova University's Literary Publication.

The Office of Military Affairs continues to serve men and women of the armed forces and their dependents. Jules Kahn, Director of Military Affairs, functions as an advocate for military personnel, provides academic counseling services, and serves as the liaison between the military and the college. Mr. Kahn also monitors the official evaluations of military personnel to ensure a thirty day turn-around-time. This means that military personnel who enroll at Edison State College will receive their official evaluation thirty days after the college receives their application fee, related transcripts, and score reports.

In addition to Mr. Kahn, there are two SOC Counselors available. Gerald Middlemiss, Academic Counselor, is the advisor for Army and Air Force personnel. Ralph Viviano, Academic Counselor, serves Navy personnel. Counseling services are available at military installations throughout New Jersey.

Transfer of Credits

Edison State College follows the recommendations of the American Council on Education in awarding credits for the Military Occupational Specialty, Naval Enlisted Rating, and technical schooling. The CCAF transcript is fully acceptable.

Military Occupational Specialty Credit Awards

Army enlisted personnel can receive credit for the MOS under the following conditions:

1. If the MOS was acquired between October 1973 and December 1976, academic credits will be awarded on the basis of the composite MOS evaluation score of 70 or higher on the written test.



Representatives from the military recently attended a conference to receive an update of Edison State College services available to the military. Academic counselors regularly visit McGuire Air Force Base, Fort Dix, Lakehurst Naval Air Station, Fort Monmouth, and the Philadelphia Naval Station. Among those at the meeting were (left to right), Captain Albert Petroni and Major Bill Luckenbill from the Recruiting and Induction Office, New Jersey Department of Defense, seen above with SOC Counselor Jerry Middlemiss.



Bruce Hubscher, President of the Alumni Association, recently presented a \$1,000 check to Edison President George A. Pruitt. Half of the money will be used for a scholarship fund. The other half is for the Association's contribution to the College's Tenth Anniversary celebration.

Association Forms Regional Chapter

In order to encourage broader participation in Alumni Association activities, the Association is dividing into three regional chapters to be located in the North Jersey, Central Jersey, and South Jersey/Philadelphia areas.

Meetings were held on January 15 in Trenton and Cherry Hill and on February 5 in North Jersey. The

Alumni Association expects to assist the College in fundraising activities, student counseling, and legislative relations.

To find out more about the chapter in your area, call Alumni Association President Bruce Hubscher at 609/587-5127 or 896-1000, or Tom Streckewald, Alumni liaison at the College, at 609/984-1588.

Military Affairs

2. If the MOS was acquired after December 1976, academic credits will be awarded on the basis of the EER if the score attained is 120 or above.

Credits Earned at Other Accredited Institutions

Credits may be transferred to Edison State College from other accredited colleges. The college will accept up to 80 semester hours toward the baccalaureate from a junior college. CLEP general exams and military technical schooling count as junior college credits.

Also recognized for transfer purposes are those institutions accredited by the Association of Independent Colleges and Schools (AICS), the American Association of Trade and Technical Schools (NATTS), and the American Association of Bible Colleges (AABS). Coursework completed at institutions that are accredited by the above agencies are reviewed on a course by course basis to determine if they fit into the degree requirements.

Limited Enrollment

Edison State College will transcript previous credits, military experience, and technical schooling for students who want an evaluation in order to bank their credits.

There is a fee of \$40.00 for New Jersey residents and \$60.00 for out-of-state residents.

FAA Ratings

In addition to granting 55 credits for the FAA Airframe and Power Plant Rating, Edison State College grants credits for the FAA rating for Air Traffic Control Specialists, Flight Engineers, Flight Navigators, Flight

Dispatchers, and Pilots. Credits are also given for training programs offered by U.S. Domestic and International Air Carriers leading to the positions of Flight Engineer, Aircraft Captain and First and Second Officers.

Teacher Certification

Individuals can earn college credits toward teacher certification through portfolio assessment. Assessment allows one to earn college credits by demonstrating college-level knowledge acquired outside the college classroom. In cooperation with the New Jersey Bureau of Teacher Education and academic credentials, Edison State College is encouraging people to make use of this option.

Out-of-state students who are interested in college credits for teacher certification should check with the Bureau of Teacher Education in their states.

Further information concerning portfolio assessment can be obtained from the Statewide Testing and Assessment Center of Edison State College.

Official Documents

Edison State College will accept official documents from Education Specialists. The use of the Edison State College "Military Check Sheet" will expedite the enrollment process for the student by permitting the Education Specialist to forward the student's application, fee, transcripts, score reports, etc., directly to the college.

Once the enrollment form, first year tuition equivalency fee, and other related official documents are received, the college will:

1. Notify the Education Specialist and student that the application has been received.
2. Officially evaluate the student's previous educational experience, within 30 days, assuming that all necessary documents have been forwarded with the checklist. The Office of the Registrar will notify the student if documents relative to the official evaluation are missing. In certain cases, especially when additional information is required, the official evaluation may take longer than 30 days.
3. After the official evaluation is complete the student will be assigned to an advisor who will help with program planning.