

# Postsecondary Transitional Program

The Garden State Pathways Program is a post-secondary, transitional program sponsored by Camden County College in Blackwood, New Jersey and designed for students with intellectual/cognitive disabilities. The program serves students eighteen years of age or older who are eligible for or received IDEA funding and are interested in learning a work-related skill, as well as enhancing their independence with life skills.

For students who prefer to remain under the IDEA entitlement until age 21, they may enter the program after meeting all high school requirements, despite not having accepted their official diploma. The Program will continue to meet the needs of students based on their personal needs and the implementation of a 504 plan. The high school develops and tracks all needs based in an Individualized Education Plan document. Upon completion of the Garden State Pathways program, students receive a high school diploma from

their school district. This is an option for school districts and students who find the Garden State Pathways program to better meet their needs than a traditional high school based transition program.

Students take classes in socialization, financial literacy, life skills and their personal interest. Students are required to spend time developing their skills in a career interest that will enhance their employability. After completing all required courses and work experiences in this two-year program, students receive a certificate of Postsecondary Studies (CPS) from Camden County College.

Students are encouraged to integrate into College life through various on-campus, social activities such as the Spring Fling, Welcome Back BBQ, various clubs as well as educational lectures outside of the typical classroom.

Students pay for the program with funding provided from different sources such as parents, school districts, and financial aid. This program is focused on providing services to students who require an alternative to a traditional college education and will benefit from a smaller, vocationally-focused structure.

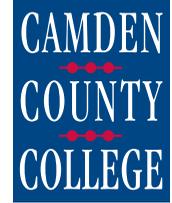
*GSP adds value to the person and their personal character.*

*The support our son received by the teaching staff, mentors, job coach and the GSP office staff is immeasurable.*

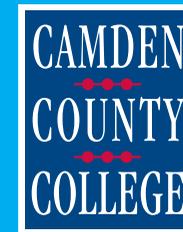
—MR. AND MRS. VELASQUEZ

*Garden State Pathways provided educational information and programs to parents and encouraged us in our own transition to parents of successful adults with unique abilities rather than disabled adolescents.*

—MARY DEJOSEPH



## Garden State Pathways



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# Garden State Pathways allows students to...

## EXPERIENCE

Non-restrictive college life through integrated classrooms while working and learning with peers their own age.



## LEARN

Life skills in order to be as independent as possible, such as holding a conversation in different social settings.



## SEEK

Employment after gaining an understanding of employers' expectations as well as employee responsibilities.



## GRADUATE

From the Vocational Studies certificate program, or go on for an associates degree.



Garden State Pathways was perfect for our son. The program was tailored to fit his academic and vocational needs. It helped jump-start his college career. In fact, without GSP, we doubt our son would have been able to enjoy the college experience.

—KEVIN WALKER, MARCIA SOAST

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I love Anna! She has been a great addition to my staff. I've assigned her to many different tasks, and she has stepped right up and done a great job.

—PET SMART PLACEMENT