

Garden State Pathways

Student Application Packet 2023-2024

The Garden State Pathways program is an opportunity for students with intellectual/cognitive disabilities to participate in a college experience. Each student will be given the opportunity to engage in academic, vocational and life skills that will enhance their independence.

Application due: June 1, 2024: For the Fall 2024 Semester

Packets must be complete for review

Application for Admission

Applications are being accepted for the 2023-2024 academic years. You will be contacted regarding next steps once your entire packet has been received.

Applicants will be reviewed when the entire packet is received.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Student Application
- Student Questionnaire to be completed by the applicant. Packets that do not include a student questionnaire completed by the student-applicant will not be accepted
- o Personal Support Questionnaire
- Three letters of recommendation from individuals who have known the applicant for at least one year. One recommendation **must** be from a Child Study Team member.
 Recommendation forms are included in this packet. Recommendation Release and Questionnaire
- Official High School Transcript including last IEP
- A record from a local educational agency reflecting that the applicant is or was eligible for special education and related services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- Educational Evaluations submitted for review must be conducted <u>within the past three</u> years
- o On line Camden County College application submitted (Program ID is **VOC.CPS**)
- o FAFSA form completed. (http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/)

Note: Camden County College reserves the right to exercise sole judgment regarding admission into the Garden State Pathways program.

The Garden State Pathways Program is a certificate program only and not a college degree.

Participants who successfully complete the program will receive a Certificate of Achievement from Camden County College.

Questions should be directed to:
Assistant Director, Curt Watkins (856) 227-7200 ext. 4430
cuwatkins@camdencc.edu

Camden County College 200 College Drive Louis F. Cappelli Student Center Taft Hall, Office 310 Attn. Assistant Director Curt Watkins, MBA Blackwood, NJ 08012

Garden State Pathways Admissions Criteria

The Garden State Pathways Program is a transition program for students with Intellectual Disabilities between the ages of 18-24. "Intellectual Disability (ID) is a disability characterized by significant limitations in both intellectual functioning and in adaptive behavior, which covers many everyday social and practical skills." (American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, www.aaidd.org, 2020.) Due to the Academic rigor and demands of the Garden State Pathways Program here at Camden County College, the following is a summary of the criteria used to determine acceptance into the program.

- Candidates must be at least 18 years of age by the first day of the semester. They must have been (or are presently) eligible for special education and related services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- Candidates must provide recent, thorough, and relevant disability documentation as outlined in the program's application packet.
- Candidates must be able to understand basic reading, writing, and computational tasks, including reading simple employee handbooks, interpreting payroll stubs, and completing basic job applications.
- Candidates must demonstrate a desire to develop academic, social, and vocational skills.
- Candidates must be able to interpret actions required in specific written directions and be able to write instructions to others.
- Candidates must be able to follow simple multi-step directions and follow a class schedule independently.
- Candidates must be able to work productively and collaboratively in groups.
- Candidates must be able to navigate the college campus independently.

- Candidates must be able to follow classroom rules and adhere to the college's Code of Conduct.
- Candidates must be able to independently attend to personal hygiene needs and administer their own medication, if applicable.

Garden State Pathways Application

Student Information: Last Name First Name MI Social Security Number: _____ Birth date: ____/___ Address _____ City ____ Zip Code ____ Email address _____ Student Lives with: ____ Parents ____ Mother ____ Father ____ Other (If other please specify) Most recent school attended (Name): **Primary Contact Information:** Name & Relationship: Address: Occupation/Employer: Home Telephone: Cell Phone: Work Phone: _____ Email: ____ **Secondary Contact Information:** Name & Relationship: Address: Occupation/Employer: _____ Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: Email:

Do you have any siblings or rela	itives presently attending any \(\sum \text{Yes} \sum \text{No}\)	Camden County College campus?		
If yes, please list their name:				
E	mergency Contact Inforr	nation:		
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*Same as Prin	nary □ Sa	ame as Secondary		
Parent/Guardian Name:				
Address:				
Home Telephone:	Cell Phone: _			
Work Phone:	Email:			
Student receiv	es support from: (please ch	eck those that annly)		
Social Security Disability Insura Division of Developmental Disa Medical Assistance Division of Vocational Rehabili Special Education Services (IDI	abilities (DDD Self Directed itation Services (DVRS)	Supports)		
	Educational History	Į.		
School Attended (Name, City, State)	Years Attended	Reason for Leaving/Gradua	ated	
Do you receive a high school diploma/certificate?NoYes				
Please circle diploma or certificat	e. If you received a certifica	ate, please list the type below.		
Name of certificate received:				
Name of school:		Date		

Did the student par	ticipate in any general (mainstreamed) educat	ion classes in your school district?
Yes	No	
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	nmodations help the student learn best? (i.e. sa	
	ve any accommodations for their general educ	
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Employment History

Please complete the following including all paid employment, unpaid employment, school-based employment training and internships. Are you currently employed (volunteer and internships should be included): \square Yes \square No (if yes, please complete the following. If no, included most recent employment) Employer: (Name and Address/contact information) Position Start and End Date Reason for Leaving Paid or Unpaid Employment/Internship (please be specific) If yes, please describe.(type of work, hours) What type of work experiences did you most enjoy? Why? What sort of work experience are you interested in?

Student Questionnaire- Please Note:

The following section MUST be completed by the student-applicant to the best of their ability

To be completed by student applicant

Why do you want to attend the Garden State Pathways program at Camden County College?
2. What is/was your favorite class in school? Why?
3. What kind of career/job would you like to have when you finish school?
4. What do you like to do during your free time?
5. Where do you want to be in five years?
6. Do you have any hobbies? Are you part of a club or team?
7. What do you do in your spare time? Are you connected to any social groups?
8. Describe your academic strengths and weaknesses.

•	Independent living skills:	
•	Liberal Studies (Art, Literature):	
•	Social/recreational/leisure:	
•	Employment:	
	describe your academic strengths and challenges. ths: What areas do you perform your best in school?	
Challe	nges: What things are challenging to you about school?	
*The	remainder of the application may be completed by parent/guardian/school personne	:l
	Transportation 1 State Pathways does not provide transportation. How will the student be transported to s for classes?	

In the following areas, please describe skills you would like to learn.

are there any limitations, support needs or related issues to transportation? (Please list)
Medical History
lease give a brief description of the student's medical history including any disability diagnoses:
lease list any significant medical or physical conditions that may impact the student's participation lassroom, social, or recreational activities on campus, including severe allergies:

to administer medications. This is not included in any of the program or college services. Please list any current medications and their purpose: Does the student receive private therapeutic services? Physical therapy, occupational therapy, outpatient counseling/psychiatry, speech therapy, or behavioral therapy. If so, please indicate which services. Is the student independent in self-care such as toileting, and basic hygiene? (Circle one) Yes No Please provide any other medical information that you feel would be important regarding the student's participation in this program, please specify.

Note: If the applicant must take medications while on campus, he/she must be independent in administering his/her medications. Camden County College does not have the personnel or facility

Camden County College treats and regards all written documentation obtained to verify a disability and plan for appropriate services as well as all documented services and contracts with the Office of Student Support Services as confidential. However, it may be necessary for our staff to exchange some information about you with the Camden County College faculty and staff in order to provide you with educational opportunities and experiences on and off campus. This exchange will occur only with your written permission, as given in this document below, and with the understanding that only information necessary for the purposes of accommodation and academic progress will be communicated.

Student Signature:	Date:
I give permission to exchange information about m School District(s) DVR Office Admissions Office Counseling Office Course Instructors Financial Aid Office	ne to the following offices/individuals checked below:
Parents/Guardians Registrar's Office Tutor Other:	
*Must have a signed FERPA (Universal Release F	
I hereby give permission for the Garden State Path use my photograph and/or quotes and videotapes of	ways Program at Camden County College the right to f me for public relations and/or training purposes.
Name:	Date:

Personal Support Questionnaire

To be completed by Parent or Support person

Name of person completing this form:

Please rate the applicant's ability in the following areas:

1. Independent Living Skills

	Complete Assistance Needed	Much Assistance Needed	Little Assistance Needed	No Assistance Needed
Follows a schedule				
Asks for help, clarification				
Order and purchase from a restaurant/store				
Uses good judgment in an emergency				
Copes well with stress: able to problem solve				
Adjusts well to new environments				

2. Social Skills and Communication

	Complete Assistance Needed	Much Assistance Needed	Little Assistance Needed	No Assistance Needed
Communicates needs appropriately				
Engages in socially appropriate interaction				
Deals with conflict				
Distinguishes between friends & strangers				
Uses social networking sites: Twitter, Facebook, etc.				
Respects authority figures				
Uses cell phone/ text messages				
Verbalizing and/or writing personal information (name, address, phone, etc.)				

^{*}What is your student or client's primary goal for achievement through the GSP Program?

3. Academic Skills

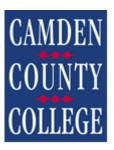
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Handles money to make purchases - Counting change/bills				
Manages a checking account				
Stays within a budget				
Uses a computer for word processing				
Navigates the Internet				
Uses email				
Follows verbal directions				
Follows written directions				
Maintains and follows a calendar, due dates and appointments				

Check one of the following that best describes the current skill level

Writin	g skills:
	No functional writing
	Writes complete words
	Writes simple sentences
	Writes lists
	Writes short paragraphs - correctly uses punctuation
	Drafts, revises, edits copies notes from board/takes notes during class
	Uses Assistive Technology if yes, please identify:
Readi	ng:
	No functional reading
	Reads sight words
	Applies reading strategies (sentence structure, meaning, phonetic clues)
	Reads chapter books/reads books silently

Answers question about reading selection
Can summarize a reading selection
Listening comprehension:
Retells a simple story
Can retell the beginning, middle, and end of stories
Able to retell settings, characters, problems, major events and solutions of storie
Additional Remarks: List any additional information that may need to be considered when planning a post-secondary experience for the applicant. Include any social, emotional or educational factors that may be relevant.
Recommendations and Release
I agree to waive my right to access the student recommendation forms:
Parent/Guardian Signature: Date
Print Name (Parent/Guardian)

Applicant Signature:	
	Date
Print Name (Applicant)	



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Your Name:		Title:	
Address:		Phone:	
City:	State:	Zip Code:	
Organization:	Email Addr	ess:	
How long have you know the applicant and in	what capacity?		
Do you feel the applicant would benefit from t	the Garden State I	Pathways program?	
Why or why not?			
Does the applicant have any behaviors that wo State Pathways program?Yes	ould interfere with No	their ability to participate in the Garder	1

Describe the strengths that the applicant has that will make him/her a strong applicant for the Garden State Pathways program:
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Can retell the beginning, middle and end of stories
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Approximate Grade Levels:
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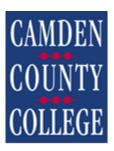
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- Title IX for Students: Executive Dean of Students, 856-227-7200, ext. 4371, Taft Hall
- Section 504 for Students: Associate Dean of Students, 856-227-7200, ext. 5088, Taft Hall, Room 302, Blackwood Campus
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