

## MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# New MCCC certificate program tackles aging issues

To address the myriad issues surrounding care for the elderly, Mercer County Community College has designed a noncredit certificate program in "Gerontology" for healthcare providers, social workers, nursing home administrators, clergy and personal caregivers. Offered through the college's Center for Continuing Studies, classes meet on Mercer's West Windsor campus, 1200 Old Trenton Road.

The curriculum for this spring and summer includes "Addiction and Substance Abuse in the Aged" on May 16; "Case Management and Navigating the Health Care System" on May 30; "Aging and Family Care Giving" on June 13; and "Aging, Public Policy and Society Impact" on June 27. A class called "HealthEASE" details a program that helps those with chronic health conditions to better manage

their symptoms and make positive lifestyle changes. It meets for six Thursdays beginning May 21, 1:30- 4 p.m., and is open to all, including caregivers and patients.

Instructors this spring and summer include Eileen Doremus, executive director of the Mercer County Office on Aging, Bob Cabnet of the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging, Camille Bloomberg of the Mercer County Office on Addiction Services, and Geraldine Mackenzie of the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services.

To complete the certificate program, students must take six required courses and two electives, and complete a final project under a faculty advisor. Classes may also be taken on an individual basis.

For more information or to register, call Continuing Studies at (609) 570-3311, or e-mail [comed@mccc.edu](mailto:comed@mccc.edu).

