

**The Joint Admissions Agreement
Between
Mercer County Community College
Civil Engineering Technology AAS
And
New Jersey Institute of Technology
Engineering Technology
Option in Construction Engineering Technology BS**

This Joint Admissions Agreement (“Agreement”), between **Mercer Community College** and **New Jersey Institute of Technology** (“NJIT”) is designed to strengthen the academic and student support partnership between these two institutions. This non-exclusive Agreement seeks to improve student access across the two higher education sectors and to provide priority transfer opportunities for qualified students enrolled at Mercer County Community College. This Agreement will also enhance the value of articulation agreements between the collaborating institutions.

Under the terms of this Agreement, Mercer County Community College students in good standing (2.5 or higher cumulative GPA and other program-specific requirements; subject to change with notice) enrolled in designated programs for which the institutions have articulated program agreements will be guaranteed admission into NJIT after completing at least thirty (30) college-level academic credits at Mercer County Community College (the “Joint Admissions Program”). Admission into the Joint Admissions Program requires subsequently continuous enrollment at Mercer County Community College without interruption longer than a single fall or spring semester. Longer interruptions in enrollment at Mercer County Community College will require reapplication for admission into the Joint Admissions Program at NJIT.

Admission into a specific NJIT Baccalaureate Degree major of choice will be contingent upon Mercer County Community College students completing the appropriate transfer coursework and meeting the admissions requirements to the specific NJIT major of choice then in effect. Mercer County Community College students will receive credit for courses taken at Mercer County Community College according to the credit transfer regulations of NJIT and/or the articulated program agreements between the institutions.

This Joint Admissions Agreement will be implemented in Fall 2023 semester

The Joint Admissions Program:

Mercer County Community College and NJIT, by this Agreement, enter into the Joint Admissions Program to benefit Baccalaureate Degree-seeking students enrolled at Mercer County Community College. The purpose is to:

1. Strengthen the academic partnership between Mercer County Community College and NJIT;
2. Provide seamless transfer from Mercer County Community College to NJIT;
3. Facilitate the transfer of credits and major program enrollment from Mercer County Community College to NJIT.

This Agreement defines the policies and terms under which both institutions agree to implement the Joint Admissions Program. NJIT will offer admitted Mercer County Community College students the opportunity to be conditionally accepted into designated Baccalaureate Degree programs at NJIT upon successful completion of one academic year at Mercer County Community College.

Students interested in the Joint Admissions Program must apply prior to the end of their freshman year (up to completion of 30 Mercer County Community College credits). Students who wish to apply beyond their freshman year may be considered by NJIT on a case by case basis. At a student's request, NJIT reserves the right to directly admit any student participating in the Joint Admissions Program at any time of the student's attendance at Mercer County Community College and will treat such student as a regular transfer applicant.

Mercer County Community College Responsibilities and Procedures:

Under this Agreement, Mercer County Community College will:

1. Refer students interested in the Joint Admissions Program to NJIT for review and acceptance by NJIT for participation in the Joint Admissions Program upon their admission to Mercer County Community College.
2. Interested students and participants in the program will be tracked by Mercer County Community College throughout their time at our institution.
3. At the beginning of each semester/term, Mercer County Community College will send to the NJIT Office of Admissions and Advising Success Center a list of all students who wish to be accepted in the Joint Admissions Program, a copy of their Mercer County Community College Application for Admission and their high school transcripts.

4. NJIT and Mercer County Community College will jointly advise the students accepted into the Joint Admissions Program academically while at Mercer County Community College in order to ensure that the students register for appropriate Mercer County Community College courses that can fulfill NJIT Baccalaureate Degree program-required courses.
5. Once admitted into the Joint Admissions Program, students will be considered enrolled at Mercer County Community College while they are physically attending the same and considered as non-enrolled but maintaining their offer of conditional admission at NJIT until they become enrolled at and physically attend NJIT.
6. Upon completion of the Associate's Degree, students can request a transcript from Parchment, Mercer's academic transcript resource to be provided NJIT's Office of Admissions and Advising Success Center.

NJIT Responsibilities and Procedures:

Under this Agreement, NJIT will:

1. Conduct on-campus information sessions at least two (2) times a year for the potential students interested in the Joint Admissions Program, Mercer County Community College faculty/staff, and high school guidance counselors.
2. NJIT agrees to provide a designated NJIT employee to administer the operations of the Joint Admissions Program.
3. Upon receiving from Mercer County Community College each semester/term the list of students who have applied for dual admission with NJIT, NJIT will review and determine their admission eligibility to NJIT, correspond directly with each student to confirm admission to NJIT contingent upon the satisfactory completion of the appropriate thirty (30) or more *college-level* academic credits at Mercer County Community College and all other NJIT Baccalaureate Degree program-specific admission requirements. This will be supplied to Mercer County Community College for student tracking purposes moving forward.
4. Conditionally admit those students in the Joint Admissions Program who have successfully completed at least thirty (30) credits at Mercer County Community College, provided the students have met the minimum grade point average (2.5 GPA) required by NJIT. NJIT will conduct one final review to finalize the conditional admission decision. Neither a separate NJIT application nor an application fee to NJIT will be required of students accepted in the Joint Admissions Program.

5. Accept for transfer all program-required, college-level credits earned at Mercer County Community College as specified in Appendix A and as subject to the requirements of the NJIT Course Catalog in general, including the requirement for a minimum grade of “C” for all transfer-awarded courses. Coursework completed at an institution other than Mercer County Community College will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis.
6. Notify students about all appropriate and available merit- or need-based scholarship opportunities. Mercer County Community College will not make any representations or offer any guarantees to prospective students about the likelihood of NJIT awards of financial aid, scholarships or student employment.
7. Use best abilities to refer students who are not admitted via regular admissions to NJIT to Mercer County Community College for recruitment purposes.

Common Obligations:

Under this Agreement, each institution will:

1. Designate an individual(s) to serve as a liaison(s) for the administration of the Joint Admissions Program and to provide students accepted therein with joint academic advising.
2. Coordinate, through the College/University Marketing Departments of both institutions, publicity of the Mercer County Community College - NJIT Joint Admissions Program. Provide for approval prior to any release an advance copy of publicity to the respective College/University Marketing Department. During this Agreement, each institution hereby grants to the other institution a non-exclusive and non-transferable right, to use and display the other institution’s name and logo in such preapproved print publications in connection with the promotion of this Agreement.
3. Conduct a periodic review of the Joint Admissions Program operations at least once a year to update course offerings and to adjust the terms of this Agreement accordingly. A yearly meeting will be convened during each academic fall semester at alternating campuses.

Term and Termination:

1. This Agreement shall be active for three (3) years from the date of the last signature hereto. Each institution may terminate this Agreement at any time by written notice at least one (1) year in advance of the Agreement's effective termination date.
2. This Agreement represents the entire agreement between the institutions with respect to the subject matter and supersedes and voids any other Joint Admissions Agreement between Mercer County Community College and NJIT.
3. In the event that this Agreement is terminated for any reason, NJIT commits that it shall make a good faith effort to formulate a "teach-out" plan applicable to all then active Joint Admissions Program students, including permitting such affected students to pursue transfer to NJIT under the Joint Admissions Program protocols established herein. The institutions agree that any early termination shall be made through a consultative process with one another.

Articulation Agreements:

Mercer County Community College and NJIT have adopted and/or will adopt specific program-to-program articulation agreements for all Baccalaureate Degrees offered under the Joint Admissions Program and will be updating and/or supplementing these articulation agreements as needed. Such articulation agreements are incorporated herein by reference to the extent required to implement this Agreement.

General Provisions:

1. To the extent allowable by applicable law, each institution hereby assumes any and all risks of personal injury, property damage and third party claims attributable to the negligent acts or omissions of that institution. Neither institution is responsible for the conduct or welfare of the students while they are not physically attending their institution.
2. Implementation and interpretation of this Agreement will be consistent with and subject to all applicable and mandatory approvals, policies and procedures established by the appropriate accreditation bodies, including Middle States Commission on Higher Education, the New Jersey Secretary of Higher Education, the United States Department of Education, and other agencies that have jurisdiction over the operation of either institution.

3. While performing this Agreement, the institutions shall not discriminate against any student on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, religion, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, civil union status or any other protected category under Federal or State of New Jersey law.
4. Both institutions recognize that they are bound to comply with FERPA, as it may be amended from time to time, in the handling of educational records of students enrolled in their institutions.
5. Each institution acknowledges and agrees that the relationship with each other is that of independent contractors, and this Agreement shall not be construed to create a partnership, joint venture or agency relationship between Mercer County Community College and NJIT.
6. This Agreement shall be governed, construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey without regard to its conflicts of laws principles.
7. Neither institution shall have any liability to the other for consequential, exemplary, special, incidental or punitive damages even if advised of the possibility of such damages, including without limitation lost profits and opportunity. Except as otherwise contained herein, each institution disclaims all warranties and representations, either express or implied, with respect to its programs and courses to be provided hereunder.
8. Each institution agrees that the other institution shall have sole and final authority and oversight with respect to all academic matters regarding its own degree programs, including admission, tuition and fees, conferring of degrees and maintenance of all of its own official student records.
9. This Agreement is not intended to and shall not be so construed as to create any independent rights in any Mercer County Community College students nor include any Mercer County Community College students as parties hereto.
10. This Agreement may be executed and delivered (including by facsimile or other electronic form) in one or more counterparts, each of which when executed shall be deemed to be an original but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

New Jersey Institute of Technology

Atam Dhawan, Ph.D.

Interim Provost & Sr. Executive V.P.

Date

Mercer County Community College

Deborah E. Preston

Dr. Deborah Preston

President

05 / 12 / 2023

Date

Appendix A

New Jersey Institute of Technology: Engineering Technology, Construction Engineering Technology (B.S)
Mercer County Community College: Civil Engineering Technology Associate in Applied Science Degree (A.A.S.)

First Year - First Semester

<u>MCCC Course</u>	<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>NJIT Equivalent Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>
CIV 105	Introduction to Engineering	1	-	
DRA 190	Introduction to Computer-Aided	2	-	
ENG 101	English Composition I	3	<u>ENGL 101</u>	3
MAT 146	Pre-Calculus	4	-	-
PHY 101	College Physics I	4	PHYS102/PHYS102A	4

First Year - Second Semester

<u>MCCC Course</u>	<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>NJIT Equivalent Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>
*CIV 101	Surveying I	3	-	-
CIV 106	Mechanics	3	<u>MECH 234 or MECH 235</u>	3
ENG 112	English Composition II With Speech	3	<u>ENGL 102</u>	3
MAT 151	Calculus I for the Mathematical and	4	<u>MATH 111</u>	4
PHY 102	College Physics II	4	PHYS103/PHYS103A	4

Second Year - Third Semester

<u>MCCC Course</u>	<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>NJIT Equivalent Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>
**CIV223	Fluid Mechanics	4	N/A	3
+CIV 227	Structural Steel Design	3	-	3
**CIV 229	Mechanics of Materials	4	<u>MECH 237</u>	3
	Social Science or Humanities - GenEd elective	3	<u>History and Humanities GER 200 level</u>	3

Second Year - Fourth Semester

<u>MCCC Course</u>	<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>NJIT Equivalent Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>
*CIV 102	Surveying II	3	SET 200, 200A	4
CIV 216	Highway Engineering	3	-	-
+CIV 228	Reinforced Concrete Design	3	CET 233	3
	IST 102 - Computer Concepts with Programming OR IST 109 - Introduction to	3	N/A	-
	Social Science, Humanities, Historical Perspective, Diversity and Global Perspective - GenEd elective	3	<u>History and Humanities GER 200 level***</u>	3
		60		43

*CIV 101 combined with CIV 102 = SET 200 and 200A

++CIV223 = lower-division technical elective

+CIV 227 combined with CIV 228 = CET 233

**CIV 229 = MECH237; CIV229 = MECH320 for BS in Industrial Engineering

*** This History and Humanities GER 200 level does not count toward the 120 credits