

# Union County Vocational-Technical Schools

The Union County Vocational-Technical Schools (UCVTS) offers a diverse range of educational opportunities for high school and adult students at its campus at 1776 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains.

Launched in 1965 as the Union County Technical Institute, UCVTS provides technical training, career guidance and the opportunity for students to earn college credit while still in high school. It also offers school-to-work opportunities and job placement among its myriad services.

Full-time, part-time and evening courses are available in many disciplines. High school students divide their day between academic subjects studied at their hometown schools and vocational-technical programs at UCVTS.

Adult tuition participants may also attend day programs, as well as Adult Education Division courses during the evening.

Skills training is available in such areas as automotive technology, culinary arts, baking, child care and development, computers, cosmetology, graphic communications, home repair, horticulture, locksmithing, masonry, machine technology, plumbing, water treatment operations and welding.

Various New Jersey State licensing preparation courses are also available at UCVTS. In addition, Citizen Preparation programs and English for the foreign-born courses are offered free of charge.

The Adult High School program, which opened in 1995, operates on a year-round basis and accepts students without charge on a first come, first-served basis.

Offered as an incentive for high school dropouts to earn their secondary school diploma, the program is designed for adults and provides a curriculum designed to meet their needs.

Three regular semesters and a Summer Intersession program are available, and past earned credit is awarded for both academic achievement and life experience.

Another feature of UCVTS is the Maternal Support program for teenage mothers seeking to complete their education. Participants attend school full time, while their children are cared for on-site by qualified care givers.

The Union County Magnet High School for Science, Mathematics and Technology, which debuted two years ago, is another facet of UCVTS. Students from all Union County school districts are eligible to be accepted into the program.

Students enrolled at the Magnet High School are prepared for entry into baccalaureate degree programs through a rigorous academic curriculum, with a special emphasis in mathematics and science.

Via a partnership with Union County College, students also have an opportunity to earn

up to one year of college credit prior to graduation from the high school.

Traditional high school activities are offered as well, such as school dances, the election of class officers, a school newspaper, a multi-cultural club and a mathematics competition team.

A focal point of the Magnet High School is a 38-station, multi-media, high-tech classroom featuring full audio, video and data network interactive capabilities.

UCVTS is governed by a five-member Board of Education appointed by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Charles S. Mancuso serves as Board President, with Jane Lorber as Vice President.

Other board members include Gail Iammatteo, Robert H. Schmidt and Union County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Frances Lobman. Dr. Thomas J. Bistocchi is the Superintendent of Schools for UCVTS.

Interested individuals may call (908) 889-2999 for information on Day Session or Maternal Support programs; (908) 889-2914 for the Evening School classes; John Crowley at (908) 889-2904 for the Adult High School and Corinne Wnek at (908) 889-3800, Extension No. 201.



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