

WELCOME TO SUSSEX

Welcome Message from the President

Dear Sussex Student:

Welcome to the 2023-2024 academic year at Sussex County Community College. Whether you are a first-time-in-college student or a life-long learner, our faculty and staff are dedicated to providing you with the quality education and the foundation you will need for your college career and beyond.

Academic achievement often comes to those who seek help early and often. Every person here at SCCC is a resource and ready to help you in every way, from our Student Success Center to the Writing Center, DegreeUP, and the Library. Being a student and juggling outside responsibilities can be daunting. Tutoring, computer access, textbook loans, quiet study rooms, a fitness center, mental health support, scholarships, volunteer opportunities, and financial assistance are just some of the resources available for our students. Students are also welcome to visit the Horton Nutrition Center on campus to access free food items in an open-access environment. When you need help, we will provide essential assistance for your success at SCCC and beyond.

I also hope you will take advantage of the many wonderful opportunities that Sussex County Community College offers you outside the classroom. With twelve sports teams and many exciting, cultural, and personally enriching student events, your learning takes place both inside and outside the classroom. Get involved! Aspire to be a Student Ambassador, a club officer, or a scholar-athlete. Visit our eBook storefront and ice cream shop. Cheer on our teams, along with our Skylander mascot. Take a trip with us to a Broadway show or renowned museum. You will find that the more you participate in campus life, the more connected you will feel to the College, the college community, and your classmates.

Welcome to our beautiful campus. You will quickly learn that being a member of the SCCC family is special. We are all so happy that you are here.

Best Wishes,

Jon. H. Connolly, Ph.D.

Sussex County Community College President

Employee Directory

See the [Employee Directory \(/about-sussex/employee-directory/\)](/about-sussex/employee-directory/) page or visit the [Dean's by Major \(/deans\)](/deans) page.

Campus Map & Directions

See the [Campus Map & Directions \(/about-sussex/contact-us/maps-directions/\)](/about-sussex/contact-us/maps-directions/) page.

Online Tools for Success

Sussex Students are issued a Sussex **student email** (<https://mail.google.com/a/student.sussex.edu>) which is the College's means of communicating with you about College business including financial aid information, priority registration, events, and communication with your instructors. Check your Sussex Student email regularly.

My.Sussex (https://my.sussex.edu/ICS) Student Portal

- View grades • Check your GPA
- Print unofficial Sussex transcripts
- Search for classes/print your schedule
- View and pay your bill

Canvas: Distance Learning

All students enrolled in online and hybrid classes will use the **Canvas** (<https://sussexccc.instructure.com/login/canvas>) learning management system to communicate with their instructor(s) and access course content. Instructors may also use Canvas for regular courses, so it is important to check Canvas regularly. (<https://sussexccc.instructure.com/login/canvas>)

Pay Online and E-Refund

For your convenience, you may PAY your tuition/fees online through **CashNet** (<https://commerce.cashnet.com/cashneti/static/epayment/sussexpay/login>).

Should you be eligible for a refund, receive it quicker in a secure and safe manner by signing up for E-Refund. Your refund will be processed directly to your designated bank account. Sussex urges you to sign-up for these time-saving, secure financial tools.

IT Services

If you are having difficulty logging in to any of our online resources, please get in touch with the

IT Help Desk.

Email: itservice@sussex.edu (<mailto:itservice@sussex.edu>)

Phone: 973-300-2333

The Power of a Degree

Complete your associate degree and give yourself the advantage!

Starting college at Sussex and graduating with your associate degree before transferring to a four-year college will give you the Degree Advantage. You'll save tuition and graduate with little or no debt, be eligible for financial aid, scholarships, and benefit from personalized advising toward your career.

Why Degree Completion is Important:

- Students will hold a recognized higher education degree or certificate.
 - Students will be prepared! People change jobs up to 10 times in their working lives—and when you have a college degree, you have an advantage.
 - Future labor market will require more college graduates, economists predict.
 - Completion shows future employers or college admissions officials that students are serious about their marketability, education, and future.
 - Many successful people credit their associate degree as the foundation of their career achievement and the turning point in their lives.
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Tips for Success at Sussex

#1 Attend all Classes

- Education is valuable and not cheap. Don't miss class and waste money!
- Attendance and class participation is important. Your professor is here to guide you along the way.

#2 Get Organized

Use Your Syllabus. Most courses will follow a syllabus, a schedule of what to expect in class. Your syllabi will provide your professor's contact information and a listing of assignments that are due during the semester.

#3 Use Sussex Resources

- **Website:** Check out sussex.edu (<http://sussex.edu>) for news and events going on and

contact information for campus resources.

- **Student Success Center:** You will get help selecting classes to ensure you're on the right path. The Center also offers career referrals, transfer information, personal counseling, and more. All services are free and confidential by appointment or walk-in.
- **Scholarships:** The Foundation is committed to helping students succeed. Each year the Foundation solicits community organizations, businesses, and individuals to raise funds to support student scholarships. **Download an application** (<http://sussex.edu/scholarships>).

#4 FREE Tutoring Offered

- Free tutoring is offered online via Thinkingstorm on Canvas and through Degree UP in E105.
- If you are looking for help with writing in any subject, visit **The Writing Center** (<http://sussex.edu/writingcenter>) in the Student Center (D111).

#5 Utilize the Library

The Library has access to many useful resources as well as helpful, professional staff to aid you in your research and completing your assignments.

#6 Get Involved

There is so much more to Sussex than great classes. Student clubs, athletics, theater performances, fine arts programs, lectures, day trips, and service learning all add to the total college experience. *Get involved!*

Your Health Matters

Mental Health

Sussex County Community College is committed to providing short-term care and support, as well as referral assistance for our students with mental health concerns. If you or someone you know is in crisis and/or having thoughts of suicide and need immediate help, please call 911 or go to your nearest emergency room.

Suicide Prevention Resources:

On-campus support:

- The Student Success Center, 973-300-2207, B206
- Bridgeway Behavioral Health, bridgeway@sussex.edu (<mailto:bridgeway@sussex.edu>)

24- hour Services and hotlines:

- Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: call or text 988
- NJ Hopeline: 1-855-HOPELINE (654-6735)
- Newton Medical Center 24-hour Crisis Hotline: 973-383-0973

Drugs and Alcohol Awareness

Alcohol and drug use are prevalent on today's campuses, and it's important to know the risks.

- Alcohol or drug abuse can kill you.
- The average college student spends \$900 on alcohol per year and \$450 on books.
- Alcohol abuse can ruin your grades.
- One night of heavy drinking can impair your abstract thinking abilities for 30 days.

Smoke, Tobacco & Vape Free Campus

Smoking, including electronic devices and tobacco products, is not permitted anywhere on campus, indoors, outdoors, at athletic events, and at social venues. See our **Smoking Policy**. ([/current-students/student-handbook/campus-safety-security/#smokefree](#)).

Campus and County Resources:

There are a number of resources available on campus and throughout Sussex County to help you or someone you know who may have a drug or alcohol problem.

- **Student Success Center:** Private and confidential counseling
Administration Building, B206, 973-300-2207
- **Newton Medical Center for Behavioral Health:**
175 High Street, Newton, NJ 07860, 973-383-1533 (24 hours)
- **St. Clare's Center for Behavioral Health:**
20 Walnut Street, Sussex, NJ, Crisis Hotline: 973-625-0280 (24 hours)
- **Center for Prevention and Counseling:**
61 Spring Street, Newton, NJ 07860, 973-383-4787, centerforprevention.org
(<http://centerforprevention.org>).

Online Resources:

- ncadd.org (<http://ncadd.org>) - NCADD – National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependencies, Inc.
- [addictions.com](http://sussex.edu/addictions.com) (<http://sussex.edu/addictions.com>) – (800) 654-0987
- [aa-intergroup.org](http://sussex.edu/aa-intergroup.org) (<http://sussex.edu/aa-intergroup.org>) – Alcoholics Anonymous
- [na.org](http://sussex.edu/na.org) (<http://sussex.edu/na.org>) – Narcotics Anonymous
- [naranonofnj.org](http://sussex.edu/naranonofnj.org) (<http://sussex.edu/naranonofnj.org>) – The Nar-Anon Group is for those who have known a feeling of desperation concerning the addiction problem of someone near to you.