

New Student Orientation FAQ

Is New Student Orientation mandatory?

We encourage all new students to attend. The information presented is very beneficial; it is not mandatory. There are no penalties for not attending.

Are there other dates/days available for orientation?

We only have our orientation once each summer during the month of August at each campus.

For 2017, Mays Landing, Wednesday, Aug. 2; Cape May County, Tuesday, Aug. 8; and Atlantic City, Thursday, Aug. 10.

What time does orientation end?

We do not have a set ending time, but the event tends to wind down around noon. We realize our students have other obligations; you are not required to stay for the entire program.

What should I bring with me?

Photo ID (state issued or previous school ID.) You will be required to show proof of identification to pick up your parking pass and books. To receive your parking pass, you will need to know your license plate number.

Where can I purchase textbooks?

We have the Follett bookstore at our Mays Landing and Atlantic City campuses as well as online.

<http://goo.gl/e7Lx94>

You will need to bring your Atlantic Cape Student ID and a copy of your schedule in order to get your books in person.

What do I do if I require special accommodations for a medical, physical or disability-related need during my New Student Orientation session? Will Atlantic Cape be able to provide aid for parents/guests who need special assistance?

Atlantic Cape will seek to provide appropriate accommodations for all incoming students as well as any parents or guests who wish to attend New Student Orientation. When you reserve your spot for orientation, you will have the opportunity to request any accommodations you may need. Additionally, students should register with Lucy McGlynn in the Counseling & Support Services office as soon as possible (lmcglynn@atlantic.edu or (609)343-5090).

Can I bring a guest/parent?

Orientation is a great time to meet other new students starting at Atlantic Cape. However, we encourage parents and guests (limit to four guests per student) to participate in the day.

Parents are also invited to join us for a special workshop, hosted by the Vice President of Student Affairs.

Is there an orientation for parents and family members?

There is a concurrent parent/guardian program during orientation. We hope to answer parents' questions and help them understand the student experience at Atlantic Cape. This will help parents and family members familiarize themselves with the resources and opportunities available to their students.

I'm an international student. Where do I go for orientation?

In addition to New Student Orientation, international students will have another program later on in the semester.

For more information, contact the International Student Advisor, Daymis Alicea at (609) 343-5081 or dalicea@atlantic.edu.

Do I need to make a reservation for orientation?

We do request that students RSVP for themselves and any guests that will also attend, but reservations are not required. Walk-ins on the day of the program are more than welcome. Students also have the option to change workshops the day of the event if needed.

Who is invited to New Student Orientation?

All incoming students are invited to participate in orientation, including freshmen, transfer students and international students.

I am a culinary student. When is my orientation?

All new incoming students are invited to New Student Orientation, but the Academy of Culinary Arts hosts a separate mandatory orientation every year. This year it is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 25.

For more information, please call our Culinary Department at (609) 343-5624.