

**Do you have a criminal record? Do you desire a college degree and career success?  
Are you ready to change the course of your life?**

If so, the Reentry Support Project ***PACE Program (Pathways to Academic and Career Excellence)*** may be the key to your future! The PACE program is designed to serve formerly incarcerated adults who want to earn an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree from Community College of Philadelphia. AAS degrees provide students with career-specific skills that can lead directly to employment after graduation.

PACE students benefit from access to diverse Reentry Support Project services, resources, and opportunities that can assist them with transitioning to college, performing well in classes, and developing the professional networks and skills needed for 21st century workforce success.

Current Community College of Philadelphia AAS degrees best-suited for most PACE students include:

- Accounting
- American Sign Language/English Interpreting
- Applied Science and Engineering Technology
- Automotive Technology – Service Technology
- Behavioral Health/Human Services
- Building Science
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer-Assisted Design Technology
- Construction Management
- Culinary Arts
- Digital Video Production
- Facility Management – Construction
- Facility Management – Design
- Hospitality Management
- Paralegal Studies

**PACE Program Phases**

**Applicants accepted into the PACE Program will move through the 5 phases described below.**

**Phase 1:** PACE applicants begin their engagement with the Reentry Support Project by completing a phone screening. Individuals who meet all eligibility criteria are invited to attend a workshop where they receive information on the PACE Program and assistance with the college application process. People who are not eligible for the PACE Program may be referred to the College’s Office of Admissions if they can qualify to apply as traditional students.

**Phase 2:** PACE students who are admitted to the College participate in a pre-college “Introduction to College and Career Success” workshop series facilitated by Reentry Support Project staff. Workshops emphasize computer, information, and financial literacy skills; strategies for achieving college success; and an introduction to AAS degrees and careers.

**Phase 3:** PACE students who complete the workshop series are enrolled during their first few College semesters in general education courses, including those required for the Reentry Support Project Workforce

Communication certificate. During their first semester, PACE students receive full or partial transportation support, and they engage with Reentry Support Project Transition, Academic, and Career coaches through activities designed to help them develop strategies for navigating personal challenges, establish professional networks, and acquire 21<sup>st</sup> century skills associated with college and career success.

**Phase 4:** Once PACE students earn the Reentry Support Project's Workforce Communication certificate, they continue their studies at the College toward an AAS degree of their choosing. Those in good academic standing can apply for Reentry Support Project scholarships, and they can access continuing enrollment services and ongoing personal and professional growth and development opportunities.

**Phase 5:** When PACE students graduate from the College with their AAS degrees, they become members of the Reentry Support Project Alumni Association which entitles them to networking, continuing education, volunteering, and career-related opportunities. Although AAS degrees are ideal for students who want to enter the job market immediately following graduation from Community College of Philadelphia, PACE students can also transfer to a four year college to earn a bachelor's degree.

#### **PACE Program Applicant Eligibility Requirements**

To apply for the PACE program, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- US citizen.
- Possess a criminal record with 1 or more felony convictions and released from a county jail or state or federal prison during 2015-2017. Some exceptions may apply.
- No convictions since turning 18 years old for arson or sex offenses requiring registration.
- Possess a secondary school credential (GED or high school diploma).
- No history of enrollment at Community College of Philadelphia or you previously attended, are academically eligible for re-enrollment, and you don't owe the College any fines or fees.
- Not seeking to transfer college credits to Community College of Philadelphia.
- No federal student loans in default from any college, trade, business, or technical school.
- Philadelphia resident who anticipates living in the County for at least 12 months.
- Born before Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 1993. *Note:* If you were born after Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 1993, you may still qualify for PACE. However, you may be required by the Reentry Support Project to complete the federal financial aid application process on your own.
- Legally single, separated, or divorced, and unemployed or filed taxes in 2015/2016 and claimed less than \$10,500 with no dependents. If you have dependents, income caps will vary. *Note:* If you are married, you may still qualify for PACE. However, you may be required by the Reentry Support Project to complete the federal financial aid application process on your own.
- No obligations that could interfere with your being on the College's Main Campus every Tues, Wed, and Thurs 9:30am-4:00pm May through August 2017.

**If you meet the criteria above and are interested in applying for the Reentry Support Project PACE program, call (267) 299-5979 or email [reentry@ccp.edu](mailto:reentry@ccp.edu)**

*Please note that we do not accept office walk-ins. Applicants must contact us by phone or email.*