



NJDOE acting Commissioner Chris Cerf and the NJ State Board of Education Visit Union County Vocational Technical Schools

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Opportunities and issues surrounding career and technical education were the focus of a work session, when the New Jersey State Board of Education visited Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in Scotch Plains on March 16, 2011.

Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, UCVTS superintendent, welcomed NJDOE acting Commissioner Chris Cerf, NJ State School Board President Arcelio Aponte and members of the state board with a tour of the schools. UCVTS is comprised of four distinct schools and serves both full and shared-time students.

- The Academy for Allied Health Sciences is a full-time four year high school for students with interest in the health care field. Students enrolled in this grade 9-12 full-time program will participate in a comprehensive program designed to prepare the doctors, nurses, medical technicians, and health care managers of tomorrow.
- The Academy for Information Technology is a full-time four-year high school . Students enrolled in the Academy pursue a college-level technical training program in computer science and a full regimen of honors level academic classes.
- The Magnet High School , which is a winner of the Governor's School of Excellence Award, a recipient of the New Jersey Star School designation and recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School, is one of the region's most competitive and successful specialized programs. Students enrolled here follow a comprehensive course of study in engineering as well as mathematics, science and technology.
- The Academy for Performing Arts offers intensive study in theatre arts and dance and a rigorous academic curriculum. The program culminates with a senior year at Kean University where students will take a full freshmen college course load which will include a concentration in their performing arts major.
- UC Tech offers students a four-year full-time program that combines high-end academics with access to the career or technical training program of their choice. Students at UC Tech follow a comprehensive high school education program while simultaneously pursuing opportunities to study traditional vocational-technical programs. These programs include automotive technology, building trades, communication, public safety, culinary arts and cosmetology.

UCVTS also has a self-contained special education program where students learn how to run a supermarket by operating a real, functioning market that is open to the public.

You can access photographs from the tour [here](#).