

■ Educational Services



The Bancroft School Voorhees Pediatric Facility

The Bancroft School at Voorhees Pediatric Facility (VPF) is a unique collaboration between two leading institutions, which opens up a whole new world to children with complex medical needs.

Founded in 1995 as the first New Jersey Department of Education-approved private school within a pediatric specialized-care facility, The Bancroft School at VPF serves the educational needs of children who are medically fragile and/or technology-dependent, and who require continuous, skilled, high-level nursing care.

The school, which features five modern classrooms equipped with medical gas outlets, serves about 65 children ages 3-21. The 35-member staff allows for an optimal 2:1 student-to-staff ratio, and an extended 12-month school year. Some students can also be supported in other educational settings, such as the Bancroft School in Haddonfield.

The school provides a specialized educational program that promotes the acquisition of new skills that can facilitate, when possible, the child's reentry into the home and community. Among the program's numerous benefits, it:

- develops an individualized education plan (IEP) for each student, to address the child's specific educational needs
- integrates related services — such as physical, speech and occupational therapy — into the school day
- provides parents with systematic intervention strategies to ensure support, maintenance and generalization of acquired skills at home or in other settings
- enables students to interact with peers without disabilities, to prepare students for eventual transition to less-restrictive programs, if appropriate

The program uses an interdisciplinary, collaborative approach, involving the child's family or guardian in the development of realistic, individualized goals for each student. Teachers, rehabilitation therapists and other medical professionals work with the family or guardian to establish short- and long-term objectives to maximize the student's educational, emotional, rehabilitative and physical development.

An innovative and comprehensive education program for children who are medically complex.

Mission Statement

Bancroft's mission is to ensure that every person is given opportunities for lifelong learning and fulfillment.

We do this by altering perceptions, and by supporting those with intellectual and developmental challenges and acquired brain injuries in achieving their life goals as valued and respected members of our world.

Program Leadership

Principal

Colleen Rowan-Valentino, M.Ed

To learn more about **The Bancroft School at Voorhees Pediatric Facility**, please contact the Principal at:

Bancroft at Voorhees
Pediatric Facility
1304 Laurel Oak Road
Voorhees, NJ 08043
Tel: (856) 566-0636, Option 3
www.bancroft.org