

Jefferson Community and Technical College

Mission and Goals Statement

Jefferson Community and Technical College (JCTC), created by the consolidation of Jefferson Community College and Jefferson Technical College on July 1, 2005, serves the Jefferson District of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) with campuses in Carroll, Jefferson, and Shelby counties in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Founded in 1968 in downtown Louisville as part of the University of Kentucky Community College System, Jefferson Community College later expanded to locations in southwest Jefferson County, Carroll County, and Shelby County, making it the largest public, comprehensive community college under the governance of KCTCS. In 1953, the Jefferson County Board of Education chartered the Jefferson County State Vocational-Technical School to meet the postsecondary, technical education needs of Louisville and surrounding areas. In 1990, the school began operating as Kentucky TECH, Jefferson Campus. In 1998, the name changed to Jefferson Technical College to reflect its inclusion in KCTCS, becoming the single largest technical college of KCTCS. In the fall of 2000, the Correctional Education Centers in Oldham and Shelby Counties were linked with Jefferson Technical College. The Marion County Adjustment Center was added in 2003.

Jefferson Community and Technical College (JCTC) is a comprehensive, public, two-year postsecondary institution providing students access to a wide variety of programs of study including allied health, business, engineering technologies, general education transfer studies, information technologies, and trade and industry technologies. Currently, academic goals are achieved through:

- Developmental education courses and academic support services designed to prepare individuals for future success in transfer, technical, and continuing education programs and courses;
- Associate in Applied Science degree programs, diploma programs, certificate programs, and courses designed to prepare individuals to succeed in today's technological workforce;
- And Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degree programs and courses designed to prepare individuals to succeed in baccalaureate programs at senior colleges and universities.

Additionally, the College serves as a center of lifelong learning. Continuing education, training activities and services are designed to expand the life skills and knowledge of our citizens, strengthen the existing workforce, enhance community and business development, and provide personal growth and values development resulting in an improved quality of life for the members of our community.

Jefferson Community and Technical College provides a physical and intellectual environment for the students, faculty, and staff that promotes cultural, ethnic, racial, and gender diversity. Further, the college offers services and supports practices and programs that embody the ideals of an open, democratic and global society that ensure the effective and efficient operation of the college.

Goals

1. To promote excellence in teaching and learning.
2. To provide individuals with foundational skills necessary in a challenging society in order to begin college-level studies or to meet other goals through developmental programs.
3. To prepare individuals to meet employment, additional technical training, or other goals through career programs.
4. To prepare individuals to pursue further study or to meet other goals related to college transfer programs.
5. To promote student involvement and active participation in the life of the college.
6. To provide programs and services in support of business and industry.
7. To provide individuals with opportunities for lifelong learning and cultural enrichment.
8. To assist individuals through student support services in accomplishing educational and career goals.
9. To provide the processes and resources needed for the appropriate and orderly operation of the college.
10. To provide accessible, clean, and safe facilities.
11. To provide a college climate that serves the needs of a diverse student population.
12. To promote Jefferson Community and Technical College through development and public relations activities.
13. To provide for the appropriate use of technology to support the delivery of instruction and other college services.
14. To provide access to library/information resources and services.
15. To serve the community through the outreach efforts of faculty and staff.
16. To maintain partnerships with other entities to better serve the educational needs of the community.

Guiding Values:

We believe that *learning changes people's lives*. Toward that end, we value:

Learning

We value and place learners first.

Diversity

We value and embrace the diverse communities we serve.

Innovation

We value innovation and serve as innovative learning partners with internal and external constituents.

Continuous Improvement

We value continuous improvement in all our processes and policies.

Accountability

We value accountability and exhibit responsible stewardship of the resources with which we are entrusted.

Celebration

We value celebration and revere the creativity and accomplishments of learners.

People

We value people and trust, respect, and care for those with whom we work and serve.

Vision

From these values, Jefferson Community and Technical College will become an environment of hospitality and creativity where individual lives and human community can flourish through access to quality-driven, learner-centered education.

Our vision is realized when:

Individual Success

Students with a variety of skill sets and from diverse backgrounds can become participatory members of the larger community by developing the skills and knowledge base necessary to become self-actualizing citizens.

Students can gain entry to and advance in the workplace, resulting in pay commensurate with skills attained and personal goals.

Students can transfer to further education consistent with skills attained and personal goals.

Access/Opportunity

Barriers to accessing education and training are minimized and the College provides the resources necessary for a diverse learning community to achieve.

Services, practices, and programs embody the ideals of an open and democratic society.

Workforce Development and Partnership Initiatives

A vibrant and dynamic community of learners provides existing employers a competitive edge in business and industry and attracts additional employers to our service area.

Stakeholders throughout our service area recognize and value the synergy created when sharing resources, ideas, and opportunities with the College through training and outreach.

Community Value and Connection

The College is widely recognized as a vital component of the community, an energizing force to address common issues, and a source of pride.

The College is a center of lifelong learning, personal growth, and values development resulting in an improved quality of life for the members of our community.