

JEFFERSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Mission Statement

Jefferson Community College, founded in 1968 in downtown Louisville with expansion to locations in southwest Jefferson County, Carroll County, and Shelby County, is the largest public, comprehensive community college under the governance of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). As a member of the KCTCS Jefferson District, which includes Jefferson Community College and Jefferson Technical College, the College is committed to providing access to educational services and lifelong learning opportunities and to promoting economic growth and development.

Jefferson Community College is dedicated to a belief in the dignity, worth and uniqueness of each individual and to the right of each individual to achieve one's fullest potential. Based on these beliefs, the College maintains a learning and working environment that promotes diversity in its broadest sense, fosters open educational opportunities, and ensures the effective and efficient operation of the College. Further, the College offers services and supports practices and programs that embody the ideals of an open and democratic society.

The College provides an environment for students, faculty, staff and the community that encourages effective communication, freedom of expression, cultural awareness and enrichment, creative thinking, professional and intellectual growth, personal assessment, integrated learning, analytical reading, quantitative reasoning, ethics and values, writing, and critical thinking.

Using a variety of teaching/learning activities with related technologies, the College offers programs and courses of study in general, developmental, technical and career education, and lifelong learning. The College also offers access to distance learning programs through Kentucky Virtual University (KYVU) and other providers. Through these programs and courses, Jefferson Community College awards associate degrees, certificates and continuing education units consistent with the comprehensive nature of the institution. In addition, student and academic support services are designed to help students accomplish academic and career goals.

The goals of the college are:

- To provide individuals with foundational skills necessary in a changing society in order to begin college-level studies or to meet other goals through developmental programs.
- To prepare individuals to meet employment, additional technical training, or other goals through career programs.
- To prepare individuals to pursue further study or to meet other goals related to college transfer programs.
- To provide programs and services in support of business and industry.
- To provide individuals with opportunities for lifelong learning and cultural enrichment.
- To assist individuals through student support services in accomplishing educational and career goals.
- To provide the processes and resources needed for the appropriate and orderly operation of the college.
- To provide accessible, clean and safe facilities.
- To provide a college climate that serves the needs of a diverse student population.
- To promote Jefferson Community College through development and public relations activities.
- To provide for the appropriate use of technology to support the delivery of instruction and other college services.
- To provide access to library/information resources and services.
- To serve the community through the outreach efforts of faculty and staff.
- To maintain partnerships with other entities to better serve the educational needs of the community.

JEFFERSON COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Mission

Jefferson Community and Technical College (JCTC), created by the consolidation of Jefferson Community College (JCC) and Jefferson Technical College (JTC) 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; and in 1998, the College joined 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. 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.

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