



Services for Veterans



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Welcome to JJC

This brochure will introduce you and your family members to the educational opportunities that JJC provides, as well as the services available to assist you in accessing these opportunities and achieving your goals for the future. The faculty and staff at the college are here to assist you and help you make a smooth transition to the college academically, financially and personally. We think you will appreciate our small classes, excellent faculty, affordable tuition and veteran friendly services, and we are confident that you will have a wonderful experience here.

Thank you for your service to our country and welcome to Joliet Junior College.

About JJC

With a proud history as the nation's first public community college, Joliet Junior College is a leader and innovator in higher education. Offering more than 100 degree and certificate programs, the college serves more than 35,000 students of all ages and backgrounds at its campuses and education centers, and numerous satellite locations. JJC encompasses a fast-growing 1,442 square-mile district in seven counties.

NATION'S FIRST





SUPPORTIVE

The Veterans Office

Your veteran educational benefits, including the Montgomery GI Bill, the Post 9/11 GI Bill, the Illinois National Guard Grant and the Illinois Veterans Grant, are administered through the Financial Aid and Veterans Office. An appointment with the coordinator of veterans and military personnel services may be set up on an individual basis by calling (815) 280-2623 or e-mailing veteransbenefits@jjc.edu. Visit www.jjc.edu/info/veterans-office for more information.

Getting Started at JJC

Admission: For more information about the college or to apply for admission, contact the Admissions Office at (815) 280-2493 or visit www.jjc.edu/info/admissions.

Financial Aid/Veterans Office: This office can provide information about financial aid, grants and scholarships. Visit www.jjc.edu/info/financialaid or www.jjc.edu/info/scholarships.

ACT COMPASS Testing and Course Placement: Students are required to take the ACT COMPASS Placement Test if they are a new full-time student or are planning to take mathematics, philosophy, natural sciences or world language courses requiring placement scores. Please call (815) 280-2261 or visit www.jjc.edu/info/academic-skills for more information about testing, sites and free review sessions.

Counseling and Advising: First-time, full-time students are required to attend a new student orientation session to meet with a counselor and receive assistance with selecting courses. Part-time or returning students can either attend a new student orientation or independently select courses without counselor assistance. JJC counselors can also assist with personal issues. Please visit www.jjc.edu/info/counseling for more information.

Registration and Payment: Students can register for courses at JJC through the Registration and Records Office, during a new student orientation (for all first-time, full-time students), or online via eResources. Once registered, be sure to make arrangements for payment prior to deadline dates. For assistance with registration, visit www.jjc.edu/info/registration.

Disability Services/Student Accommodations and Resources: If you have a disability or believe you may qualify for accommodations, you are encouraged to contact the StAR office. Staff members will work with veterans and their VA office to obtain proper documentation. Services include: ADA/504 accommodations, orientation programs, academic advising, study skills assistance and tutoring. Please call (815) 280-2230 or visit www.jjc.edu/info/star for more information.

ACCESSIBLE



Academic Options

Prepare to Transfer to a Four-year Institution

The college offers several degree programs through which students can complete the first two years of a four-year degree.

Prepare for a Career

The college also offers a wide variety of excellent career and technical programs that prepare students to transition to the workforce or transfer to pursue further education after JJC.

Online Courses

JJC offers online courses in a variety of formats, a convenient option for students balancing education, life and work. To take advantage of JJC's online learning offerings, contact the coordinator of veterans and military personnel services.

Workforce Development

Veterans can participate in weekly workshops for career assessment, resume writing, Internet job searches, interviewing skills and much more. Grants are available to cover the cost of tuition, fees and books at JJC. Visit www.jjc.edu/info/wd for more information.

POSSIBILITIES



A vertical blue bar on the left side of the page contains a collage of military-related items: a blurred American flag at the top, two silver dog tags in the middle, and a gold National Defense Medal at the bottom. The word "EDUCATED" is written in large, white, serif capital letters across the center of the page, partially overlapping the blue bar and the text.

Special Opportunities

Servicemembers Opportunity College

Joliet Junior College is proud to be a member of the Servicemembers Opportunity College, an organization that provides educational opportunities to service members.

Free CLEP Testing

CLEP, the College-Level Examination Program, offers students the opportunity to prove proficiency within a subject area and potentially earn college credit by completing one or more of their 34 CLEP exams. CLEP now provides eligible veterans with the opportunity to have their CLEP testing fees waived. To find out more, please visit www.jjc.edu/info/clep-veterans, or call the Academic Skills Center at (815) 280-2261.

College Credit for Military Training

If you believe you have had specific training or classes while in the military that are the equivalent of college credits, you may request that an official military transcript be sent to the JJC Credentials Office from your branch of service. Upon receipt of the transcript and the completion of a transcript evaluation form (found at www.jjc.edu/info/transcript-eval-form), transcripts will be evaluated and any applicable credit awarded. For information on ordering your military transcripts, visit www.jjc.edu/info/veterans-office.

Joliet Junior College will award seven college credits (four credits of physical education, HPR 101, and a three credit health class, BIO 103) to any service member who served a minimum of one year active duty and was honorably discharged. Complete the request for military credit form (found at www.jjc.edu/info/military-credit-request), and return it to the JJC Veterans Office with a photocopy of your DD214, member4.

Military Personnel Called to Active Duty

If you are called up for active military duty, faculty and staff will work with you to determine the best solution for completing the semester at JJC. A complete policy can be found in the college catalog. You will be required to present your military orders to the JJC Veterans Office.

Additional Services

Academic Tutoring

Visit www.jjc.edu/info/tutoring to learn more about the many free tutoring options available to JJC students.

Academic Support

Project Achieve is a federal grant-funded program for first-generation college students who come from low-income families and/or are disabled. For more information on Project Achieve, visit www.jjc.edu/info/project-achieve. The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs provides outreach, academic guidance, personal support, cultural resources and leadership opportunities for Latino and African-American students. For more information on OMSA, visit www.jjc.edu/info/omsa.

Career Services and Employment Assistance

The Office of Career Services provides assistance in career planning and decision-making as well as resources to help with job searches. Visit www.jjc.edu/info/careers for more information.

Veterans Club

JJC has an enthusiastic student veterans club! Visit www.jjc.edu/info/osa for more information.

Student Housing

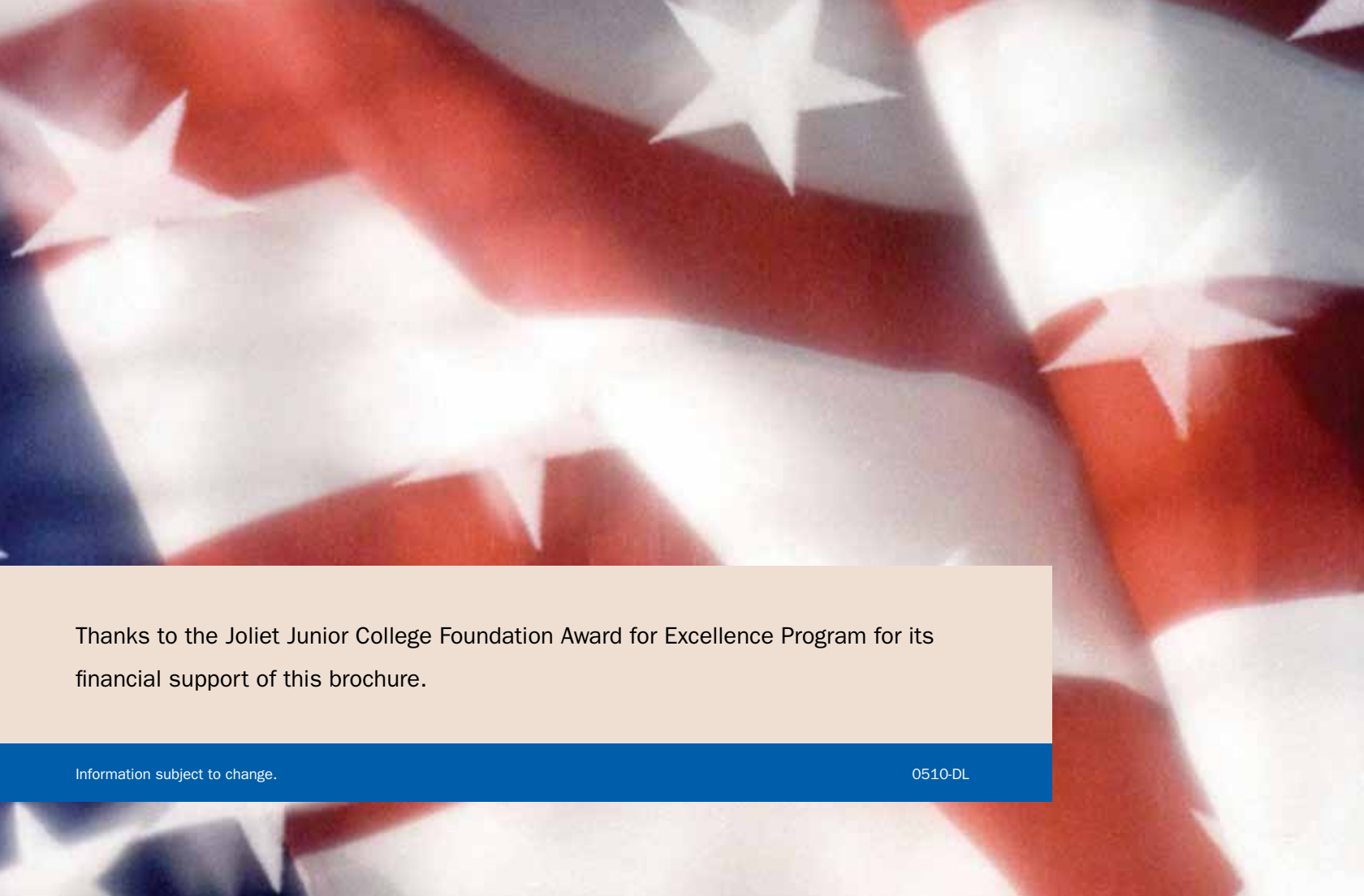
Centennial Commons provides housing for JJC students, and is located close to Main Campus. Visit www.jjc.edu/info/student-housing for more information.

Childcare

The Early Childhood Center provides daytime childcare for children age three and older. Visit www.jjc.edu/info/ecc for more information.

Find more resources for student veterans on the Student Veterans of America's Web site, www.studentveterans.org, including "From Combat to Campus Guide."

OPPORTUNITY

A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of the American flag, showing the red and white stripes and white stars on a red background. The flag is draped and appears to be in motion.

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