

Going to JCTC

Why go to JCTC?

If you are not sure what you want to study yet, if you are not sure if you are ready for the difficult courses at a four-year university, if the career you want only requires a certificate or two-year degree, or you simply want to save some money, Jefferson Community and Technical College offers a cost-effective, high-quality education to local students of all ages and backgrounds.

How do you apply to JCTC?

JCTC has a simple application that is available at <http://www.jefferson.kctcs.edu/en/Admissions/Apply.aspx>. Click on “online application” to do the application on a computer or use the “printable application” if you would rather mail it in. The application is free to submit, and everyone who has a high school diploma or GED gets accepted. The application is usually due about a month and a half before classes start in any semester. See <http://www.jefferson.kctcs.edu/Admissions> for more specific deadlines. You should receive an email confirming your acceptance right away at the email address that you listed on your application. Save this email because it lists your KCTCS (student) ID and application reference number, which you will need later. You should also receive a letter in the mail in a few weeks.

What should you do after applying to JCTC?

Submitting an application to JCTC is just the first step in the process to being able to attend the college.

As you would for any college, you need to fill out the FAFSA to get financial aid. If you qualify for Pell grants and if you fill out your FAFSA in January to get a CAP grant, you will have more than enough money to cover the tuition at JCTC! Fill out the FAFSA at <http://fafsa.gov/>.

You will also need to register for a COMPASS placement test at JCTC. If you have at least an 18 in English, a 20 in Reading, and a 22 in Math on your ACT or at least a 74 in English, an 85 in Reading, and a 50 in Math on a COMPASS test you took in high school, you do not need to take the COMPASS test at JCTC. If you do not meet these benchmarks, you will need to take it at JCTC, and you should try to take it at the campus you plan on attending. Visit <http://www.jefferson.kctcs.edu/Admissions/Placement-Test.aspx> to schedule a time to take a test. There are many dates and times available for testing. If you were in ESL at your high school, you can take either the regular COMPASS test or the ESL COMPASS. However, it is best to take the ESL COMPASS test because if you take the regular test and do not meet the required benchmarks in English, you may be placed in a regular development English course that is not tailored to students who speak English as a second language. If you are an adult going to college for the first time, you should look into taking free ESL classes at Louisville Academy of ESL (LAESL) before signing up for ESL classes at JCTC. More information about LAESL is available at <http://www.esl4u.org/LAESL-Pages/LAESL-Home.htm>.

What happens after your placement test?

Right after you take your placement test, someone at the testing center will help you set up your SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration) date. This is where you will learn more about being a JCTC student, meet with your academic advisor to plan the next few years of your life, and register for your first semester of classes.

Make sure that you pay for your classes on time and/or that your financial aid comes through on time. You can see your bill under EBILL in the online Student Self-Service Center (see below for how to set up your Student Self-Service account).

How do you set up your Student Self-Service account?

Your Student Self-Service account is an online account that contains important information about your financial aid, bills, schedule, etc. If you already know your username and password, you can go to <https://kctsaprd.mycmsc.com/psp/kctsaprd/?cmd=login> to log in. If you do not know your username and password, you can go to

https://students.kctcs.edu/psc/stdsaprd/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/K_IDA.K_IDA_USERSS.GBL to find them. You will need to enter your birth month and day and email address, as well as two of the following: Your KCTCS ID, your Social Security Number, and/or your admissions application reference number. Once you enter all of that information, it will take you to a page with your username and password, which you can then use to log in to your Student Self-Service account. On your account, pay special attention to the "To-Do List" and "Holds" to make sure you do not need to take any action related to your financial aid.

Anything else?

Those are the main things you need to know to be ready to go to JCTC! Just make sure that you keep checking your email and ask an admissions counselor or advisor at JCTC if you have any questions at any point in the process. Good luck in college!

