

JCC @ LISD TECH

NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST

1. _____ **Submit application**

- ➔ Send high school transcripts (required for students entering any Allied Health field)
- ➔ College transcripts sent to: Jackson Community College
Admissions
2111 Emmons Road
Jackson, MI 49201

2. _____ **Financial Aid**

- ➔ FAFSA applications are available at JCC @ VO-TECH or online at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- ➔ If you need help completing the forms, call our office at (517) 265-5515.

3. _____ **Course Placement**

- ➔ Call (517) 265-5515 to sign up
- ➔ Or submit ACT scores (Score must be at least 18 in Math, Reading, and English, taken in the last 3 years).
 - In areas with less than 18, the student will take that portion of the placement.

Monday, Oct 19

- 5:30pm-7:30pm

Friday, Oct 30

- 2:30pm-4:30pm

Monday, Nov 9

- 10:30am-12:30pm

Tuesday, Nov 17

- 5:30pm-7:30pm

Friday, Dec 4

- 2:00pm-4:00pm

Thursday, Dec 10

- 5:30pm-7:30pm

Wednesday, Jan 6

- 2:30pm-4:30pm

Saturday, Jan 9

- 10:30am-12:30pm

4. _____ **Make an appointment with an Academic Advisor to schedule classes**

- ➔ Call (517) 265-5515 to make appointment after you have taken Course Placement.

5. _____ **New Student Orientation**

- ➔ Call (517) 265-5515 to sign up.

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FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

HOW DO I APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID?

To receive financial aid the next academic year you must file a 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The Jackson Community College School code is: **002274**

WHAT IS THE FAFSA?

The FAFSA form is used to apply for federal and state financial aid, including grants, loans, and work-study.

PIN NUMBER?

Students and parents are encouraged to obtain PIN numbers, in order to electronically sign your FAFSA form. Please see the directions below regarding how to obtain yours and/or your parent(s) four digit PIN number(s). Electronic filing is the fastest way to apply for financial aid.

HOW DO I FILE MY FAFSA ELECTRONICALLY?

Submit your application at www.fafsa.ed.gov and *print* a copy of the results for your personal records. Please see the directions below regarding how to file online. Remember to mail the "Signature Page", if you and your parents do not have PIN numbers to sign the application electronically.

WHEN WILL I RECEIVE RESULTS FROM FILING MY FAFSA?

If you filed electronically and made no errors, you will be able to view and print your results at the *FAFSA website* using your PIN number. The results are referred to as the Student Aid Report (SAR). If you made an error in filing, you will receive your SAR via email if you provided an email address when applying or via US mail if you did not provide an email address.

WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THE STUDENT AID REPORT (SAR)?

Immediately review your SAR, to make certain all of your information is correct.

I FILED MY FAFSA BUT HAVE NOT RECEIVED MY SAR. NOW WHAT?

If you are unable to electronically view your SAR or do not receive a paper SAR within four weeks of filing, immediately call the Federal Student Aid Information Center toll-free at 1-800-433-3243.

****Directions for Filing Your FAFSA Online and/or Requesting a Pin Number****

- Type in the FAFSA on the Web address: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>
- Click on "Fill out a FAFSA".
- Scroll down to the bottom of the screen and select the appropriate academic year.
- If you or your parent(s) do not have a PIN number, you can apply at this website by selecting www.pin.ed.gov
- If you already have a PIN number, you can sign your FAFSA application electronically. Select "YES" to the question, "Do you want to sign your application now by using your PIN?" Click "Next".
- Proceed to "Fill out your FAFSA".
- If you were unable to sign your application electronically, print the signature page and follow the instructions for signing and mailing the page to the Federal Processing Center.
- Remember to click "Submit" at the end of your application.
- After you submit your application online, print the confirmation page, which contains your confirmation number.



QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT WANT TO ASK ABOUT GOING TO COLLEGE

WILL I BE THE OLDEST PERSON IN CLASS?

Chances are that you will not be the oldest person. The average age of students at JCC is 27. Our students range in age from 17 to 70. Whatever your age is in comparison to the other students or even the instructor, you will be able to bring the wisdom and richness of your experiences to the rest of the class.

HOW WILL I KNOW WHAT TO TAKE?

An advisor will talk to you about your program and provide you with a guide sheet. Your advisor will help you figure out what classes to take and in what order to build your Student Education Plan.

HOW MUCH TIME WILL I NEED TO SPEND OUTSIDE OF CLASS?

Different classes require different amounts of time. Generally the rule of thumb is two hours outside of class for each hour in class. For some classes, you will have weekly readings. For others, you may have some assignments to complete. You can get some idea of this from the syllabus that the instructor will give you, which outlines the requirements of the class. To check in advance, you can view current syllabi at www.jccmi.edu/academicdeans/syllabi.

HOW CAN I GET THROUGH ALL THE READING AND CHALLENGES OF MATH?

Students are encouraged to take advantage of the labs and individualized tutoring that JCC provides to students. Weekly and sometimes daily labs are available in different levels of Math, Reading, Writing and other subjects too.

WHAT OTHER HELP IS AVAILABLE FOR ME?

All kinds. We have lab consultants in the computer labs to help you with computers, staff who will help you apply for financial aid, advisors who will help you choose classes, and Center for Student Success staff with knowledge of a variety of resources that will help you succeed.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I CANNOT ATTEND ALL THE CLASSES OR STAY THE WHOLE TIME?

We understand that adults have a variety of commitments that sometimes are beyond their control. It is important to connect with your instructor right away to find out their policy for attendance and makeup work.

HOW MUCH MONEY WILL I NEED FOR COLLEGE?

How much you will need depends on how many classes you take. We will help you apply for financial aid to see what federal, state, and private grants and scholarships you could get. Some employers also provide education assistance.

CAN MY SPOUSE TAKE CARE OF COLLEGE BUSINESS FOR ME, SUCH AS REGISTERING FOR ME?

Yes, if you send a written note with your signature that says you give us permission to talk about your records with your spouse. If you send your spouse to register for you, be sure to first fill in the registration form and sign it. You can also mail or fax your registrations. After you become a JCC student, you will also be able to register online and to check your accounts, grades and schedule.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO GET A DEGREE?

JCC offers several kinds of degrees. Our Concentrations can be done in one semester. A college Certificate can be completed in one year if you attend full time or two years if you attend part time. An Associate Degree can take two to four years. How long a degree takes depends on how many classes you can take each semester.

MY SCHEDULE IS CRAZY. WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS FOR TAKING CLASSES?

We offer classes that meet in classrooms and ones that meet for shorter times face-to-face but have a flexible part to them, such as projects or online work. We also have many classes that are offered over the Internet.

WHO DO I TALK TO IF I AM OVERWHELMED?

In addition to the support you receive from our academic advisors and Center for Student Success staff, we have Social workers on campus who can help you through difficult times that you may be experiencing. Call our office staff and we will determine which member of our staff can best help with your situation. Please call 517-265-5515 for more information and to schedule an appointment here at JCC @ LISD TECH.