

CAREER READY PROGRAMS

BLUE VALLEY SCHOOLS



JOHNSON COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Introductions:

My name is Sarah Beren and my official title is Liaison between Blue Valley and Johnson County Community College.

One of most important parts of my job is to recruit and counsel students for our dual enrollment programs.





Dual Enrollment: Earning college credit and high school credit at the same time.

Dual Degree:

Earning your Associate Degree as a full time student at JCCC. Perfect for students who want to get a jump on their college degree.

Tuition is 100% paid for by the Blue Valley School District!

Career & Technical Education:

Choose one of our partnership programs and earn a career-ready certificate at JCCC during half the day; spend the other half of the day at your home high school taking your high school graduation requirements.

Perfect for kids who like to work with their hands, know they want to enter the workforce after graduation.

Tuition is 100% paid for by BVSD!



Associate Degree or Dual Degree:

Are you interested in earning your Associate Degree at JCCC while also earning the credits you need to graduate from high school? The Blue Valley Career Ready Program offers this opportunity to students- at little or no cost to you or your family!

Students take classes that count toward their high school diplomas AND associate degrees while reducing future student debt significantly. You will be a **full-time** JCCC student and you can earn an Associate Degree in a wide variety of areas and/or take the general education requirements to transfer to a four-year university.

Students must qualify for one of three College Math classes and Composition I to in order to participate in this program.



PROGRAMS FOR 2026-27

Career and Technical Certification ½ day in BV, ½ day in JCCC classes:

- **AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY**
- **WELDING/METAL FABRICATION**
- **HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING**
- **CULINARY & HOSPITALITY**
- **PLUMBING**
- **ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGY**
- **ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY**
- **CYBERSECURITY CERTIFICATE**
- **AUTOMATION ENGINEERING TECH**
- **VISUAL MERCHANDISING: FASHION**
- **INTERIOR DESIGN ASSISTANT**



Automotive Technology:

Spend half the school day taking your Blue Valley classes and the other half in JCCC's state-of-the art Automotive Tech labs. Students can earn their high school diploma and a JCCC Automotive Light Repair Certificate at the same time. Take classes in Brakes, Electrical Systems, Steering and Suspension, Engine Repair, and other aspects of cars, earning both college and high school credits.

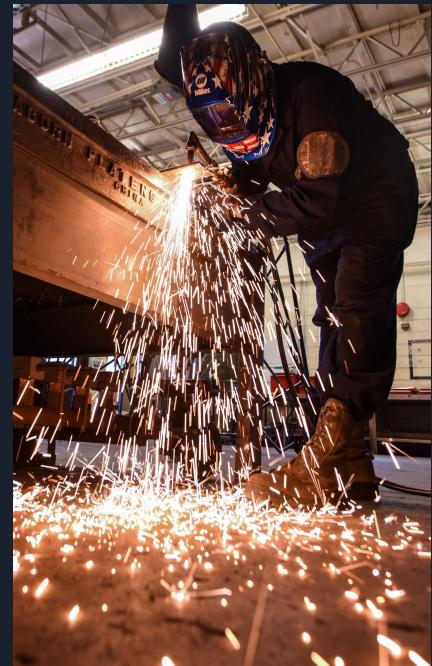


The Welding and Metal Fabrication Program:

A background in welding is preparation and certification to live and work anywhere!

Spend half the day taking your Blue Valley classes and the other half on the JCCC campus, learning from JCCC instructors who are also industry experts in welding for manufacturing and structures.

You will learn the science of metals and gas, work with your hands, and operate equipment while earning both college and high school credits.



Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning Program (HVAC):

The program is a great fit for students who want to have hands-on experience in the HVAC lab, learning the fundamentals of electrical systems, plumbing, and cooling systems. Students will spend half the day in Blue Valley and the other half on the JCCC campus, earning credit towards a HVAC Technology Certificate.

Learn from highly qualified HVAC professionals and earn a career-ready certificate while earning both college and high school credits.



CULINARY & HOSPITALITY

One department, many programs to choose from. Students interested in this department might be interested in becoming a chef, a dietary manager, or a pastry chef.

Classes include: Food Safety, Perspectives on Hospitality Management, Fundamentals of Cooking, Fundamentals of Baking & Pastry.





Earn a certificate while in HS; “Stackable” Associate Degree post HS



ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY

- A 33-hour certificate program
- Learn how to fabricate, install, operate, and troubleshoot machines and equipment.
- Technology includes smaller electronic circuits and devices such as computers, robotics, light sensors, appliances, lasers and detection, control and communication systems.

ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGY

- A 30-hour program
- Learn how to become a commercial or residential electrician.
- Install and maintain lighting, appliances, industrial control, security, and communications.

Earn a certificate through hands-on learning.

- **PLUMBING CERTIFICATE**
- Individual and team projects designed to help students be prepared to enter the plumbing career field.
- Focus is on “clean” plumbing



CYBERSECURITY CERTIFICATE

- One of the only three programs in the metro recognized by the NSA.
- Students will focus on:
 - Cyber Defense
 - Network Security
 - Ethical Hacking
 - Digital Forensics





AUTOMATION ENGINEERING TECH

- Test machines
- Learn to maximize efficiency
- Solve machinery or equipment problems
- Repair or replace components
- Adjust and calibrate equipment
- Be prepared for jobs in manufacturing, engineering, distribution sites, and other



NEW IN 2026-2027!

Interior Design Assistant Certificate

The Interior Design Assistant Certificate is a program designed for students who are interested in seeking jobs in the profession of interior design.

Outcomes include:

- Master how to use accessories
- Learn the difference between functional and decorative
- Apply light and color principles effectively
- Select textiles and finishes

Visual Merchandising Certificate: Fashion

The Visual Merchandising Certificate teaches students to design product displays. Study the art of design, color theory, concept visualization, trend forecasting, and retail graphics.

Outcomes include:

- Create visual displays that promote and sell products
- Demonstrate mastery of visual presentation using techniques in layout, lighting, figures, and props.

Fire Sciences:

Taught by OPFD firefighters with support from BV and JCCC instructors, this two-year program will teach you how to become a first responder, recognize different medical emergencies, First Aid and CPR, and, of course, the science of fighting fire.

The first year focuses on the broader skills of becoming a first responder such as medical terminology and intro to emergency medical responder; the second year is for seniors only and teaches nuts and bolts of fire fighting. This strand of courses requires a commitment to mental and physical wellbeing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e41fYiUZ4dQ>



COLLEGE READINESS:

What does it look like?

- Managing your time well.
- Checking and replying to your email.
- Following safety rules.
- Working hard- even when the work is hard!
- Advocating for yourself and communicating with JCCC instructors.
- Filling out time logs.
- For Dual Degree students: placing into Composition I AND College Algebra (an A or B in Algebra II, OR a 19/22 or higher on ACT Math section, OR a 30/46 on ALEKS placement test).



Please join us for Family Information Nights:

- Dual Degree: January 21st, 6:00 P.M., Regnier Center at JCCC
- Fire Science: January 26th, 5:30 P.M., Overland Park Fire Training Center, 12401 Hemlock St.
- Career Ready Certifications: January 28th, 6:00 P.M., Hugh Libby CTEC Building at JCCC
 - This includes Auto Tech, Automation Engineering, Electronic Tech, Electrical Tech, Welding, Plumbing, HVAC
- Cybersecurity, Interior Design, Fashion Merchandising and Culinary Arts: January 29th, 6:00 P.M., Nerman Museum at JCCC



QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about any of these programs, please do not hesitate to reach out to me:

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