



The College Transition



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Welcome from Pitt-Johnstown

Pitt-Johnstown is committed to a campus-wide effort to help new, first-year students succeed. We address the specific needs of first-year students in a number of ways beginning when they arrive on campus for New Student Orientation. Through activities ranging from small group events to highly interactive presentations by national speakers, students learn the traits of a successful college student and are introduced to the many resources and amenities available to support them on their educational journey.



This document represents many of the campus departments that play a vital role in helping students successfully make the college transition. However, all departments on campus work collaboratively to achieve the shared goal of helping to prepare our students for success in the real world.

Student Affairs Division

Pitt-Johnstown's **Student Affairs** staff work closely with Academic Affairs to create a learning environment that extends beyond the classroom. Our team of dedicated professionals focuses on ensuring a welcoming, inclusive and student-centered environment. We provide numerous opportunities to become engaged in the campus community through leadership training, career preparation, service learning, wellness, and involvement in student activities. We look forward to shaping an environment together that is welcoming to all and promotes student achievement and growth.



Campus Activities & Engagement

Becoming involved on campus is a key component of student success. **The Office of Campus Activities and Engagement** provides a variety of out-of-the-classroom opportunities and experiences for students to actively engage in their campus, local, national, and global communities. By participating in activities and events offered by the nearly 100 registered student organizations, first-year students will develop leadership skills, develop lifelong friendships, and create memories and a deep love of Pitt-Johnstown.

The staff in Campus Activities and Engagement can work with students to help them identify an organization that matches their interests or can support them in stepping out of their comfort zone and trying something for the first time. Students who join campus organizations find that involvement makes their collegiate experience much more meaningful and provides them with real-world experiences that will benefit them well beyond their college year.



Career & Professional Services

The **Pitt-Johnstown Career and Professional Services Office** provides comprehensive support for students and alumni in their career development journey. By cultivating partnerships with employers, fostering alumni connections, and staying abreast of industry trends, we aim to bridge the connection between education and the workforce, ensuring that our students are well-prepared and successful in achieving their career aspirations.

As students progress through their college careers, the Career Services Office assists in finding the right major, creating resumes and cover letters, developing interview skills, and exploring graduate school opportunities. In addition, the Career Services Office offers events such as Career, Internship, and Graduate School Fairs, professional dress for success events, etiquette dinners, and various workshops. Students also benefit from several career development technologies to assist with job and internship searching, major and career exploration, and engagement with esteemed alumni connections. All of these efforts have contributed to our **96% career placement rate** for our graduates.



Career & Professional Services

Career and Professional Services is dedicated to offering a range of resources, services, and opportunities that foster habits of leadership, involvement, service, and citizenship while acting locally or globally to improve our communities and successfully transition our students into the professional world.

The Career and Professional Services Office also administers the Global Engagement (Study Abroad) opportunities through the University of Pittsburgh's Global Experiences Office and coordinates with students interested in studying abroad.



Financial Aid

The **Financial Aid Office** is committed to supporting students and their families throughout the financial aid process. Our office manages various financial aid programs, such as federal, state, and institutional grants, scholarships, student loans, and federal work-study opportunities.

In the 2022-2023 academic year, we successfully administered a total of almost **\$37 million**. Remarkably, **91% of our students benefitted from some form of financial aid**.



Health & Counseling

The Office of Health and Counseling Services provides support to students dealing with issues such as homesickness, stress, personal and relationship problems, as well as various mental health disorders. The specially trained staff of licensed professional counselors provide free and confidential services in both individual and group settings. Health Services provides assessment and treatment of acute medical conditions. Disability Services provides both academic and housing accommodations in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Medical documentation is required to support requests for accommodations.



Housing, Dining & Residence Life

When a student chooses a college, it becomes a home away from home for the next four years. We know that nothing can replace the comforts of home, but we would like to think that Pitt-Johnstown would be a close second. Living on campus offers numerous benefits including the opportunity to develop strong social connections by being part of a community that supports students' educational and personal growth in a safe, supportive living-learning environment.

First-year students reside in one of five specially configured residence halls designed to maximize opportunities to interact with their peers and establish strong connections. All first-year residence halls are staffed by dedicated Resident Assistants (RAs) who receive specialized training to help students adjust to college life and become successful students. Programs offered within the residence halls provide residents with opportunities to interact with students from diverse backgrounds, develop interpersonal skills, and explore all that on-campus living has to offer.



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The living accommodations are designed in a suite-style arrangement with two, two-person rooms connected by a shared bathroom. All rooms feature a private vanity and are equipped with a microwave/refrigerator unit. Building amenities include Wi-Fi, free laundry facilities, study areas, recreation room, and large lobby with a working fireplace. All full-time students are guaranteed housing on campus for the duration of their education. After a student's first year, various housing options become available.



We also make arrangements for those students who choose to commute from home to be members of our first-year residence hall communities. The Commuter-in-Residence program affords commuters the opportunity to participate in residence hall programming and engage with other first-year students.