

Johnson State College

Johnson, Vermont

Undergraduate Catalogue

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A Message From President Barbara Murphy



I'm pleased that you are considering study at Johnson State College. We are a community committed to the belief that higher education has the power to transform lives. Our faculty members take a personal interest in your success. Whether in the classroom or through one of our many service or extended-campus study opportunities, Johnson will offer you the chance to explore your interests, examine your values, and shape the future direction your life will take. You can count on us to help you along the way.

This catalogue can provide an overview of our college and an introduction to opportunities for study. But, it is only an informational guide, and we encourage you to contact our admissions and student services staff to learn more about your Johnson State College experience.

Welcome to our college community.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara E. Murphy". The ink is dark, and the signature is fluid and legible.

Barbara E. Murphy
President

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General Information

THE COLLEGE: A BRIEF HISTORY

The history of Johnson State College dates back to 1828 when John Chesamore, a village cobbler, gave his shoe shop to the village of Johnson for a much-needed elementary and secondary school. Dr. Carpenter, a Chelsea, Vermont, preacher, became the schoolmaster when the school was chartered in 1832 as Johnson Academy.

In 1836, five communities incorporated as the Lamoille County Grammar School Association to support the school. In 1866, the State designated Johnson Academy as one of three new “Normal Schools,” institutions specifically for teacher training. The Johnson Normal School offered one-, two-, and three-year teacher training programs until 1947 when the State approved a four-year teacher training program, and the school became Johnson Teachers College.

By an act of the 1961 Legislature, the Vermont State Colleges Board of Trustees was created to oversee the state college system. This new board assumed control on July 1, 1962, and Johnson Teachers College became Johnson State College. This new name signaled a change in the College’s mission from a single-purpose teacher-training college to a multi-purpose liberal arts college. Since that time, the College’s curriculum in the liberal arts and sciences, its enrollment, and its facilities have expanded dramatically to meet this new mission. The most recent addition is the Library and Learning Center, a 39,000 square foot library, classroom and faculty office facility which opened in Fall 1996.

The College has come a long way from that first class of 16 students in a converted cobbler’s shop. Johnson State’s modern, dozen-building campus spreads over 330 hilltop acres and serves nearly 1900 students from Vermont and around the country. The College is accredited as a multi-purpose public institution by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and is approved as a degree-granting institution by the Vermont State Board of Education.

MISSION OF THE VERMONT STATE COLLEGES SYSTEM

For the benefit of Vermont, the Vermont State Colleges provide affordable, high quality, student-centered and accessible education, fully integrating professional, liberal, and career study. This integrated education, in conjunction with applied learning experiences, assures that graduates of VSC programs will:

1. Demonstrate competence in communication, research and critical thinking.
2. Practice creative problem-solving both individually and collaboratively.
3. Be engaged, effective, and responsible citizens.
4. Bring to the workplace appropriate skills and an appreciation of work quality and ethics.
5. Embrace the necessity and joy of lifelong learning.

The Vermont State Colleges also offer numerous opportunities for others to engage in continuous learning to meet their specific goals.

THE JOHNSON STATE COLLEGE MISSION

The Johnson State College community believes in the power of higher education to transform lives. We express this commitment through an education that crosses academic and other boundaries, wherever possible; creates opportunities for students to extend their classroom learning to the field, the laboratory, the studio, the community, and the local and wider world; recognizes the diverse starting points and goals of students; and sustains active participation, high standards, vigorous debate and mutual respect.