# The PITT-JOHNSTOWN Difference



#### **The College Transition**

Pitt-Johnstown is committed to a campus-wide effort to help freshmen succeed. We address the specific needs of first-year students in a number of ways. To begin with, we house all of our resident freshmen together. This creates a natural community of peers and allows our new students to share in all of the new experiences that college will bring.

We also make arrangements for those students who choose to commute from home to be official members of the freshmen residence communities, affording them the same access to all of the programming and structure designed for students new to Pitt-Johnstown.

#### **Health and Counseling**

Pitt-Johnstown's Health and Counseling staff includes counseling professionals and provides free and confidential services. These professionals understand the special needs of college students.

The Counseling Center can assist students with homesickness, stress, personal and relationship problems, and even concerns about home. The office offers individual and group counseling, as well as convenient workshops on a variety of topics, from eating disorders to how-to courses for those who want to quit smoking.

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# Safety On Campus

The safety and well-being of our campus community and guests are a top priority at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. Pitt-Johnstown Campus Police provides protection to the campus 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. All Campus Police officers are certified through Pennsylvania Police Officers Education & Training Commission (MPOETC) and are armed at all times.

In addition to protecting the campus community, officers enforce federal, state, and local laws, campus judicial code, and parking rules and regulations. Duties of the Campus Police include protection of the campus community, enforcement of federal, state, and local laws, campus judicial code, and enforcement of parking rules and regulations. The office also maintains a 24-hour emergency line. In addition, Campus Police provide the following services: escort service, crime prevention training programs, lost and found, and vehicle assistance including battery jump kits and assisting with vehicle lock outs. Campus Police Officers have worked hard to develop a good rapport with students. The officers have managed to find the balance between authority figure and approachable staff member.

# **Financial Aid**

Pitt-Johnstown's Financial Aid Office helps students and families meet educational costs. Working together, the office assists in making a Pitt-Johnstown education a reality. The office processed about \$38 million in scholarships, grants, and loans in 2015-16. This has helped to provide assistance to more than 89% of our students. The Financial Aid Office administers federal and state aid programs, such as grants, scholarships, student loans, and Federal Work-Study employment.

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# **Career Services**

The Pitt-Johnstown Career Services Office helps students starting their freshmen year explore their major and career decisions. Ways in which they can help students with these decisions is by completing various assessments such as the Meyers Briggs Inventory Test and the STRONG inventory test. As students move through their college career the Career Services Office is there to assist in creating resumes and cover letters, as well as helping students develop interviewing skills. All job preparation can be done with the Career Services office!

Pitt-Johnstown is partnered with Handshake, which is an internship and job search tool that makes finding and securing a job opportunity quick and easy. Students who are working through their undergraduate career and are seeking admission to graduate school can also utilize the Career Services Office as a resource to help prepare them for their next step in higher education. The Career Services Office offers major campus events for students such as; Job and Internship Fairs, Majors and Minors Fair, Dress for Success Fashion Show, and Career and professional development workshops!

# **Housing and 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.

All first-year students are housed in one of the five residence halls. These facilities are designed to maximize student interaction and to promote group activities. The living accommodations are designed in a two-room suite arrangement; each room has a private vanity and an adjoining bathroom, shared by both rooms. Students are responsible for cleaning their own bathrooms. Each room comes with a microwave/refrigerator unit.

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.

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# **Student** Affairs

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 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.

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#### Learn More!

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