

# ONLINE



The College of Professional Studies (CPS), formerly the College of Online Education, is a division of Johnson & Wales University. Founded in 1914, JWU is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution with more than 8,000 graduate, undergraduate and online students at its campuses in Providence, Rhode Island and Charlotte, North Carolina.

An innovative educational leader, the university offers both undergraduate and graduate degree programs in arts and sciences, business, engineering, food innovation, hospitality, nutrition, health and wellness. It also offers undergraduate programs in culinary arts, dietetics and design. JWU’s unique model provides students with the personalized attention, academic expertise and industry connections that inspire professional success and personal growth. The time students spend at JWU is nothing short of transformative, as demonstrated by career outcomes, expected earnings and economic mobility rankings. The university’s impact is global, with alumni in 128 countries pursuing careers worldwide. For more information, visit [jwu.edu](http://jwu.edu).

## Accreditation

JWU is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE). The nation’s oldest regional accrediting association, NECHE accredits educational institutions internationally. This accreditation encompasses both campuses and online. Program accreditations are accessible at [catalog.jwu.edu/aboutjwu/accreditationsandapprovals](http://catalog.jwu.edu/aboutjwu/accreditationsandapprovals).

## Programs of Study (2023–24)

**John Hazen White College of Arts & Sciences:** bachelor’s and master’s degrees and micro-certificate programs

**College of Business:** associate, bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees; certificate and micro-certificate programs

**College of Engineering & Design:** bachelor’s and master’s degrees

**College of Food Innovation & Technology:** associate, bachelor’s and master’s degrees; certificate and micro-certificate programs

**College of Health & Wellness:** bachelor’s and master’s degrees and micro-certificate programs

**College of Hospitality Management:** bachelor’s and master’s degrees; certificate and micro-certificate programs

## Enrollment Statistics (2023–24)

Average class size: **19**

Gender breakdown of student population:  
**68% female** and **31% male**

Student population reporting first-generation status:  
**46%**

Average age: **31** (undergraduate), **33** (graduate),  
**44** (doctoral)

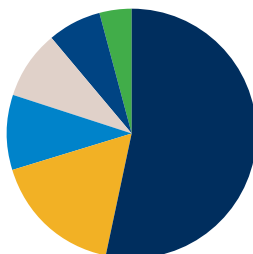
**2,587**  
Students from  
**54**  
States and territories  
and  
**12**  
Countries

## Academic Programs

CPS offers a range of fully online academic programs in collaboration with the university’s six academic colleges, with a total of 47 academic degree programs offered as of March 2024. There are also 11 certificate and micro-certificate programs offered by CPS, bringing the total program count to 58. CPS had over 100 programs at one time and has spent significant time over the past two years refining its program portfolio by eliminating under-performing and low enrollment programs. CPS will continue to focus on identifying and developing new degree programs that have strong market demand, provide for meaningful career progression, and are aligned with the university’s mission and professionally focused values.

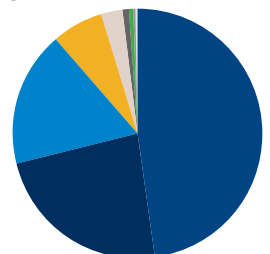
## ENROLLMENT BY COLLEGE (FALL 2023)

1,386	Business
437	Hospitality Management
251	Arts & Sciences
228	Engineering & Design
181	Food Innovation & Technology
104	Health & Wellness
<b>2,587</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>



## ENROLLMENT BY ETHNICITY (FALL 2023)

1,239	White
607	Black or African American
450	Hispanic or Latino
176	Unknown
68	Asian
19	American Indian or Alaska Native
18	U.S. Nonresident
9	Two or More Races
1	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander
<b>2,587</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>



\* Enrollment is defined as the total number of degree/certificate-seeking students.

## Tuition (2023–24)

**Undergraduate:** \$495 per 1.0 credit (\$1,485 per 3.0 credit course)

**Graduate:** \$842 per 1.0 credit (\$2,526 per 3.0 credit course)

**Doctoral:** \$993 per 1.0 credit (\$2,979 per 3.0 credit course, \$5,958 per 6.0 credit course)

**Undergraduate Micro-Certificate / Graduate Micro-Certificate:** \$631 per 1.0 credit (\$1,893 per 3.0 credit course)

Visit [online.jwu.edu/financial-aid](https://online.jwu.edu/financial-aid) for updated tuition and financial aid information.

## Financial Aid (2023–24)

Pell grants were awarded to 36.4% of the undergraduate students enrolled in CPS.

## Online Student Services

The college offers dedicated support to each online student. The following dedicated staff resources are available:

- admissions representatives
- academic advisors
- financial planners
- professional writing and quantitative coaches
- Intuitive AI Edsights Chatbot — Wildcat Willie
- Providence Campus Accessibility Services
- library resources
- technical support
- Experiential Education & Career Services

## Student Experience

In spring 2023, 86% of CPS students who took the Ruffalo Noel Levitz Priorities and Satisfaction for Online Learners (PSOL) survey responded to the question “So far, how has your college experience met your expectations?” with “What I expected or better.” Since 2016, the college has used the survey as a quality assessment tool for academic programs and services provided to the college’s students. The college is conducting the survey again in spring 2025 to maintain a bi-annual schedule for survey administration.

**86%**  
**Student Satisfaction with CPS**

## Corporate Educational Partners

Since the launch of Corporate Educational Partnerships in 2017, the university has signed agreements with 32 individual employer partners, and also provides educational programs to over 49 employer partners with a collective employee count of over four million employees through Guild Education. Since the active launch of the partnership in summer 2021, Guild Education has provided a steady stream of new students from its broad employer base. A corporate education partnership with JWU supports industry-specific training programs, marketing opportunities, and hiring needs. Employees of partner organizations are offered a tuition scholarship to enroll in JWU’s CPS programs. For more information, visit [online.jwu.edu/partners](https://online.jwu.edu/partners).

**58**  
**100% online degree, certificate and micro-certificate programs**

## Course Delivery

In online courses at JWU, the instructor and students are connected through ulearn, JWU’s online learning course platform (Blackboard). Through ulearn, students receive instruction, review course content, submit assignments, ask questions of the instructor and other students, and actively participate in the class from their home, office, or wherever a computer and internet connection is available. Online courses are equivalent in content and rigor to JWU’s traditional face-to-face courses. To accomplish its purpose, the college effectively leverages technology and other creative delivery approaches to offer an exceptional education and enhanced professional success for students, in alignment with the university’s mission.

## Faculty

CPS has 376 online instructors.

	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
Full-time Faculty	176	47%
Adjunct	200	53%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>100%</b>

The college employs the university’s full-time faculty from across both campuses whenever available to develop and teach its online courses and programs. The college also recruits and hires adjunct faculty with years of experience teaching online to fulfill all of its instructional and program development needs. These adjuncts are industry professionals in their fields, who also hold advanced degrees. JWU’s faculty experts take part in scholarly activities to continually enhance their own knowledge and skills. As online instructors, both full-time and adjunct faculty undergo orientation and ongoing training to ensure effective teaching in the online environment.