



COLLEGE OF HEALTH & WELLNESS FACTS



The newest college at Johnson & Wales University (JWU), the College of Health & Wellness leverages JWU’s long-standing expertise in culinary nutrition and tenants of hospitality in the development of the health program curricula, such as lifestyle and food as medicine. Its mission is to provide an exceptional education fostering interprofessional collaboration, leadership skills, and lifelong learning opportunities to equitably meet the changing health needs of diverse populations.

716
students

17
programs

Accreditation

The College of Health & Wellness is currently accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA), the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND), the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) granted the Doctor of Physical Therapy program Candidate for Accreditation status. The Master of Public Health program is currently undergoing the accreditation process with Council on Education in Public Health (CEPH).

National Licensure Board Pass Rates (2024–25)

	Within one year of graduation	First time	Overall
Nursing	100%	100%	100%
Occupational Therapy	95%	60%	95%
Physician Assistant Studies	99%	97%	100%

Faculty Statistics (2024–25)

- Doctoral prepared faculty: 46%
 - Advanced doctorates: 26%
 - Clinical doctorates: 21%
- Doctoral pursuing faculty: 4%
- Professional peer-reviewed presentations: 88
- Published peer-reviewed papers: 48
- Actively funded grants (internal and external): 9

2026–27 Programs

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Dietetics and Applied Nutrition (B.S.)	Providence
Exercise and Sports Science (B.S.)	Providence
Health Science (B.S.)	Providence Charlotte
Healthcare Administration (B.S.)	Providence Charlotte
Nursing (B.S.N. — accelerated program)	Providence Charlotte
Public Health (B.S.)	Providence Charlotte Online

GRADUATE DEGREES

Clinical Nutrition & Dietetics (M.S.)	Providence
Nutrition (M.S.)	Online
Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD)	Providence
Physical Therapy (DPT)	Providence
Physician Assistant Studies (MSPAS)	Providence
Public Health (MPH)	Providence

COMBINED DEGREES

Health Science (B.S.) / Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD)	Providence
Health Science (B.S.) / Public Health (MPH)	Providence Charlotte
Healthcare Administration (B.S.) / Public Health (MPH)	Providence
Public Health (B.S. / MPH)	Providence Charlotte

GRADUATE MICRO-CERTIFICATE

Sports Nutrition	Online
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Facilities

PROVIDENCE CAMPUS

The College of Health & Wellness is housed in six academic buildings: the Center for Physician Assistant Studies, the John J. Bowen Center for Science & Innovation, Johnson Hall, the John Hazen White Center, the Friedman Center (Harborside) and the Academic Center.

14

specialty labs
universitywide

CHARLOTTE CAMPUS

The university has invested in high fidelity simulation labs for the nursing program with corresponding high-fidelity manikins and hospital equipment to create a hospital environment. It also features state-of-the-art biology and chemistry labs.

Career Outcomes Rate

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Experiential Education

JWU students are invested in their education and intentional about their experiences, ensuring that their learning is authentic and purposeful. These students thrive in JWU's supportive community, which encourages their passion for hands-on learning, values their intellectual curiosity, and immerses them in dynamic labs and career-focused classrooms resulting in agile graduates who demonstrate a strong work ethic. To support students' career success, JWU faculty and career advisors from Experiential Education & Career Services offer career readiness planning and advising. This ensures students develop essential workplace skills such as teamwork, time management and problem-solving that employers value.

100%
students
participated
in experiential
education

Research

The college has a robust research environment, including a Center for Student Research and Interdisciplinary Collaboration (CSRIC) that launched with external grant funding and is located in the Department of Health Sciences. Undergraduate and graduate students are actively engaged in research leading to presentations at professional meetings and published papers with faculty.

Service Learning

Students enrolled in clinical programs within the college are required to engage in service-learning activities within the local community as part of the academic experience. These activities are diverse and include work with soup kitchens, volunteering at local day and community centers, and assisting in an adaptive sports program. There are also opportunities to engage in service learning with Tribal communities and international service organizations.

Industry Partners

Students are required to complete clinical hours within industry. Due to the clinical and community-engaged nature of our programs, the college has a comprehensive and growing list of industry and community partners. This list will continue to expand as we create new academic programs reaching across greater domains of health, wellness and prevention.

Industry partners include, but are not limited to, the following:

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center	Miriam Hospital
Brown University Health	Providence Public Schools
Bryant University	Rhode Island Department of Public Health
Butler Hospital	Rhode Island Healthcare Association
Care Transformation	Rhode Island Quality Institute
Collaboration of Rhode Island (CTC-RI)	Sargent Rehab Center
Compass	Springfield College
Genesis Rehab Services	Taskforce on Primary Care Workforce
Highbar Physical Therapy	Vitamix
JAG Physical Therapy	

21

average
class size

838

alumni



COLLEGE OF HOSPITALITY & BUSINESS FACTS



The College of Hospitality & Business prepares students for a professional landscape that is interconnected, fast moving and globally focused. With programs spanning hospitality, marketing, finance, sports, events, management, retailing and more, the college delivers a forward-thinking curriculum that blends academic rigor with hands-on learning and industry engagement. Graduates aren't just prepared for a position — they build adaptability, creativity and strategic insight to shape a career of possibilities that lead across dynamic fields.

3,268
students

29
programs

2026–27 Programs

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES	
Accounting (B.S.)	Providence Online
Baking & Pastry Arts and Food Service Mgmt. (B.S.)	Online
Business Administration (A.S.)	Online
Business Administration (BSBA)	Providence Charlotte Online
Business Studies (B.S.)	Providence Charlotte Online
Culinary Arts and Food Service Management (B.S.)	Online
Entrepreneurship (BSBA)	Providence Online
Fashion Merchandising & Retailing (B.S.)	Providence Online
Finance (B.S.)	Providence Online
Food & Beverage Industry Management (B.S.)	Providence Charlotte
Hospitality Management (A.S.)	Providence Online
Hospitality Management (B.S.)	Providence Charlotte Online
Human Resource Management (BSBA)	Online
Marketing & Advertising (B.S.)	Providence Online
Operations & Project Management (BSBA)	Online
Sports, Entertainment, Event — Management (B.S.)	Providence Charlotte Online

CAREER-FOCUSED BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (CFBS) 90-CREDIT, 3-YEAR DEGREE

Hospitality Management	Providence Charlotte Online
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GRADUATE DEGREES

Business Administration (DBA) with concentration in Hospitality Leadership or Organization Development	Online
Business Administration (MBA — 1-year program available) Optional concentrations: Accounting, Cybersecurity, Data Analytics, Event Leadership, Finance, Hospitality, Human Resource Management, Marketing, Operations and Supply Chain Management, Organizational Leadership, Organizational Psychology, and Sport Leadership	Providence Online
Finance (M.S.)	Online
Operations & Project Management (M.S.)	Online

COMBINED DEGREES

Business Administration (BSBA / MBA)	Providence
Hospitality Management (B.S.) / Public Health (MPH)	Providence

UNDERGRADUATE MICRO-CERTIFICATES

Accounting	Online
Foundational Operations & Supply Chain Management	Online
Foundations of Retail Management	Online
Visual Merchandising	Online

GRADUATE MICRO-CERTIFICATE

Operations & Supply Chain Management	Online
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UNDECIDED (TRACK INTO BACHELOR'S DEGREE)

Business Explorations	Providence
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Facilities

21
average
class size

College of Hospitality & Business labs and experiential learning environments are not simulations of the “real world” — they are the real world, embedded into campus life.

Finance & Strategy Lab: Students track markets, analyze sectors and make live investment decisions.

Retail Lab: Immersive retail environments where students complete portfolio-ready projects.

SEEM Lab: Students gain hands-on experience in venue management, plan and deliver live events, and build real industry connections through lab-based technology.

CENTER FOR BEVERAGE EDUCATION & INNOVATION

The Center for Beverage Education & Innovation is an innovative learning hub that aims to unite the university’s culinary and hospitality strengths with beverage industry partners. All university beverage learning spaces fall under the umbrella of the center.

12
specialty labs
universitywide

From coffee and tea to beer, wine and spirits, students learn the techniques of sensory perception and conduct professional flavor profiles to engage in

its analysis. They develop cocktail recipes, practice modern bar service and learn about craft brewing. They practice pairing food with all types of beverages and apply this knowledge in beverage operations, from inventory management to brand strategy. In the full-service restaurant lab, they lead teams, manage operations and track performance metrics.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP CENTERS

The Larry Friedman Center for Entrepreneurship, known as the Launch Pad, is the hub for entrepreneurial activity. It brings together entrepreneurial studies, experiential opportunities, mentors, and small business support services to transform students into entrepreneurs and their ideas into commercial or social enterprises. Led by the Launch Pad, JWU’s Sharkfest, the university’s annual business pitch competition, tests the business acumen, creativity and ambition of JWU student entrepreneurs in Providence, Charlotte and JWU Online.

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100%
students participated in
experiential education

76,214
alumni

Industry Partners

Industry partners include, but are not limited to, the following:

Adventure Travel Trade	Hyatt
Amazon Associates	Institute of Management Accountants
American Hotel & Lodging Association	International Association of Venue Managers
Amica Insurance	International Live Event Association
Bank of America	Live Nation Entertainment
Boston Scientific	Marriott International
Citizens Bank	National Restaurant Association
Compass Group	National Society of Minorities in Hospitality
Club Management Association of America	PGA of America
Fidelity Insurance	Professional Convention Managers Association
FM	Project Goal
Gillette Stadium	Society of Hospitality and Food Service Management
GoProvidence	Stryker Medical Technologies
Great American Restaurants	TJX Companies
Hasbro	Union Square Hospitality Group
Hilton	Wegmans
Horizon Healthcare Partners	
Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals	
Hospitality Sales & Marketing Association International	



Founded in 1992 as the School of Arts & Sciences, the John Hazen White College of Arts & Sciences was established to weave the liberal arts into JWU’s renowned career-focused education model. Through the University Core, all undergraduate students gain a strong foundation in key disciplines — humanities, social and behavioral sciences, mathematics, and the physical sciences — while developing highly transferable skills, such as analytical thinking, integrative reasoning and effective communication. Guided by faculty committed to academic excellence and innovation, the college became a degree-granting unit in 2011, and it now offers over 30 programs. Students benefit from specialized learning spaces that foster hands-on, field-relevant experiences, and a personalized culture of care and mentorship that supports their journey from exploration and discovery to professional readiness.

1,716
students

36
programs

2026–27 Programs (asterisks denote programs coming in 2027)

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES	
Animal Science (B.S.) with optional specialization in Equine Science or Pre-Veterinary Studies	Providence
Biology (B.A.* or B.S.) with optional specialization in Biomedical Science, Environmental Studies or Plant Science	Providence
Computer Science (B.S.) with optional specialization in Network Engineering or Software Engineering	Providence Online
Criminal Justice (A.S.)	Online
Criminal Justice (B.S.) with optional specialization in Community Justice	Providence Online
Cybersecurity (B.S.)	Providence
Data Analytics (B.S.)	Providence
Design (B.S.)	Providence
Digital Marketing & Social Media (B.S.)	Providence Online
Environmental Science (B.S.)*	Providence
Interdisciplinary Studies: Design Your Own Major (B.A.)	Providence
Liberal Studies (B.S.)	Providence Charlotte Online
Media & Communication (B.A.)	Providence
Psychology (B.S.) with an optional specialization in Counseling Psychology	Providence Charlotte Online
CAREER-FOCUSED BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (CFBS) 90-CREDIT, 3-YEAR DEGREES	
Computer Science	Providence Online
Criminal Justice	Providence
Design	Providence

GRADUATE DEGREES	
Addiction Counseling (M.S.)	Providence
Clinical Mental Health Counseling (M.S.)	Providence
Criminal Justice (M.S.)	Online
Cybersecurity (M.S.)	Providence
Data Analytics (M.S.)	Providence Online
Educational Leadership (Ed.D.) in Higher Education or Elementary-Secondary Education	Providence
Health Professions (Ed.D.)*	Providence
Public Administration (MPA)	Online
Teacher Education (MAT) with concentration in Elementary/Elementary Special Education, Business/Secondary Special Education, or Culinary Arts Education	Providence
Teaching and Learning (M.Ed.)	Providence
Organizational Psychology (M.S.)	Online
COMBINED DEGREES	
Biology (B.S.) + Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) or Public Health (MPH)	Providence
Data Analytics (B.S. + M.S.) or Public Health (MPH)	Providence
Psychology (B.S.) + Addiction Counseling (M.S.) or Clinical Mental Health Counseling (M.S.) or Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) or Public Health (MPH)	Providence Charlotte
UNDERGRADUATE MICRO-CERTIFICATE	
Technical Writing and Editing	Online
UNDECIDED (TRACK INTO BACHELOR’S DEGREE)	
University Explorations	Providence

Reimagining Experiential & Applied Learning (REAL)

21
average
class size

JWU's University Core delivers a distinctive approach to experiential learning that drives professional readiness. Through the REAL initiative, active learning and hands-on experiences are built into every course — moving beyond lectures to include simulations, gamification, research projects, fieldwork, studios, labs, service learning, industry collaborations, role playing, debates and other immersive activities. Through these experiences, students tackle real-world challenges, reflect on what they've learned, think critically, and apply insights in professional contexts. Grounded in David Kolb's Experiential Learning Model, this approach fosters engagement, adaptability and self-awareness — skills essential for career success. Scaled across all colleges and programs, REAL makes experiential learning and career preparation defining features of the JWU student experience.

Combined Degrees via Articulation Agreements

Students can save a year's tuition and receive a bachelor's degree and doctorate in just six years (a year ahead of schedule) through JWU's combined degree programs with external partner institutions. Students can receive a bachelor's degree from JWU and a juris doctorate from either Roger Williams University or the University of Massachusetts. Students can also receive a JWU bachelor's degree in Biology and a Pharm.D. (Doctor of Pharmacy) degree from the University of Saint Joseph. For more information and eligibility requirements, visit jwu.edu/academics/undergrad-to-grad/articulation-agreements.html.

Accreditation

The Addiction Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling master's degree programs are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) through 2033.

The Rhode Island Department of Education approved JWU's MAT programs in Spring 2024 for a five-year term.

In 2024, the National Security Administration (NSA) recognized the college as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education.

Facilities

15
specialty labs
universitywide

From biology, chemistry, computer science and design labs to the Cybersecurity Center of Academic Excellence and its cyber labs, students benefit from specialized spaces and access to state-of-the-art equipment to engage in real-world experiences. The Center for Media Production serves as an audio and video production hub for multiple programs, student organizations and industry partners. The Crime Lab and Crime Scene Room feature a wide range of forensic equipment that allows students and law enforcement professionals to learn about evidence collection, criminal procedure, blood spatters and bullet trajectories,

fingerprint and footprint analysis, forensic analysis and techniques, and the latest techniques for processing evidence and analyzing data.

Faculty Mentorship

JWU's Faculty Mentor Program pairs first-year students with a faculty member in their major for integrated academic and career guidance, helping them set goals, navigate college life, build a "Success Network" with other advisors (i.e., career, financial and academic), and connect with campus resources for personal and professional growth, fostering a strong support system throughout their four years.

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Industry Partners

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American Computing Association	Nail Advertising
American Institute of Graphic Arts	National Security Agency
AMGEN	Neon Marketplace
Arbour Counseling Services	Ocean State Media
Axiotrope	Palo Alto Networks
Boston Globe	Providence Arts, Culture & Tourism
Brown University Health	Providence Inner City Arts
C-4 Analytics	Providence Police
Care New England/Butler Hospital	Providence Public Schools
Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate	Rhode Island Council for Problem Gambling
Center for Leadership & Educational Equity	Rhode Island Humanities
Cisco, Fortinet and CompTIA	Rhode Island Manufacturers Association
Claflin Company	Rhode Island State Police
Eleanor Slater Hospital	Southeastern New England Defense Industry Alliance
FirstWorks	Tomaquag Museum
FM Global	U.S. Attorney's Office
Fuller Hospital	U.S. Department of Justice
	The Washington Center



Over the last half century, the College of Food Innovation & Technology (CFIT) at Johnson & Wales University (JWU) has established itself as one of the country’s most respected institutions for food and culinary education. CFIT alumni include celebrated food professionals in the industry who run award-winning restaurants, author books, create prolific food media, design new products for global supply chains, develop meal and nutrition strategies for professional athletes, manage hotels and resorts around the world, teach in K-12 and collegiate culinary programs and so much more.

No matter their major, CFIT students hone their technical skills in the college’s state-of-the-art kitchen laboratories with world-class instructors and garnish that training with comprehensive liberal arts coursework. Our students see food in its business, political, social and cultural contexts and enter the work world well-rounded, with the intellectual curiosity and creativity required for economic mobility and return on investment.

2026–27 Programs

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES	
Applied Food Science (B.S.)	Charlotte
Baking & Pastry Arts (A.S.)	Providence Charlotte
Baking & Pastry Arts (B.S.)	Providence
Culinary Arts (A.S.)	Providence Charlotte
Culinary Arts (B.S.)	Providence
Culinary Nutrition (B.S.)	Providence Charlotte
Culinary Science & Product Development (B.S.)	Providence
Food & Beverage Entrepreneurship (B.S.)	Providence Charlotte Online
Sustainable Food Systems (B.S.)	Providence

GRADUATE DEGREES	
Food Innovation & Technology (M.S.)	Providence
Food Safety (M.S.)	Online
Food Systems Innovation & Leadership (M.S.)	Providence
GRADUATE CERTIFICATE	
Advanced Food Systems Studies	Providence

Notable Alumni

- Emeril Lagasse '78, '90 Hon.
- Michelle Bernstein '94, '03 Hon.
- Chris Cosentino '94
- Tyler Florence '94, '04 Hon.
- Rock Harper '96
- Graham Elliot '97
- Lorena Garcia '00, '14 Hon.
- Tristan Epps '09

2,513
students

10
programs

21
average
class size

40,115
alumni

Facilities

50
specialty labs
universitywide

At the Charlotte Campus, specialized beverage, culinary and baking/pastry labs are housed within the Academic Center, located in the heart of Charlotte's thriving Gateway Village area. Many of the lab spaces boast a view of bustling Trade Street where passers-by can get a glimpse of the pastries, cakes and breads our students craft. Charlotte CFIT students explore North Carolina's farms and food hubs to learn how to advocate for sustainable foodways.

In Providence, CFIT programs are housed on our Harborside Campus, with stunning views of Narragansett Bay. Labs are located in the Harborside Academic Center and the Cuisinart Center for Culinary Excellence, the country's first LEED-certified culinary educational facility.

Both Providence and Charlotte are noted "food cities," with ample part-time work opportunities in every facet of the food and hospitality sectors. Many of the fantastic restaurants, cafes and bars in both cities are owned and operated by JWU alumni and are important parts of the JWU student experience.

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- Sustainable Food Systems students work with food-centric nonprofit organizations to learn about and assist with services that directly impact food access, nutrition outcomes and the farm economy in the region.
- Culinary Arts students develop casual cuisine concepts that are implemented in campus dining halls and run pop-up restaurants and cafes every week as part of their junior and senior-level lab courses.
- Culinary Nutrition students work closely with faculty to deliver cooking and nutrition education to medical professionals and community members with food security or nutritional needs.

- Baking & Pastry Arts students lead the charge on baking-themed after-school programming that encourages a love for cooking and baking among K-12 students.

100%
students
participated
in experiential
education

To support students' career success, JWU faculty and career advisors from Experiential Education & Career Services offer career readiness planning and advising and can assist students with selecting internship sites. Over 95% of

internship site supervisors in 2023-24 rated JWU Providence's internship program as good or exceptional and describe our students as uniquely prepared for work compared to interns from other institutions.

Often, CFIT labs and classrooms incorporate projects from JWU's Ecolab Center for Culinary Sciences so that students experience the process of food innovation from start to finish. Relunched in April 2023, the center provides product development, lab analysis, nutrition assessment, HACCP planning and regulatory services for food entrepreneurs and manufacturers from across the country.

The annual FIT Symposium, sponsored by the Ecolab Center, brings together food professionals and entrepreneurs from across the country; this unique event celebrates innovation as a solution to problems or key to opportunities in food service, product development and the larger food system. Students participate in the symposium workshops with well-known food leaders.

Through clubs and organizations, CFIT students staff important campus events, complete community service hours, participate in internal and national competitions and spend considerable extracurricular time in our kitchen labs with their faculty advisors.

Industry Partners

Industry partners include, but are not limited to, the following:

American Culinary Federation	Nation's Restaurant News
American Hotel & Lodging Association	National Honey Board
Azuluna Foods	National Restaurant Association
Bread Bakers Guild of America	Ocean Spray
Chaîne de Rôtisseurs	ProStart
Compass Group	RATIONAL
ConAgra	Society of Wine Educators
Denver Broncos	Sodexo
Disney	Tyson Foods
Ecolab	USDA
Eleven Madison Park	Wine & Spirit Education Trust
Marriott	