



# Student Resources

## Athletics

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Bristol Community College is a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) at the intercollegiate level in women's volleyball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, and men's and women's cross-country.

## Advising & Success

Email: [AdvisingCenter@BristolCC.edu](mailto:AdvisingCenter@BristolCC.edu)

Phone: x2777

Fall River, G200

New Bedford, NB335

Attleboro, ATT126

Taunton, TAU339

Academic advising at Bristol is a cornerstone of student support, providing a caring and consistent presence throughout your college experience. Advisors are there to guide students through the academic journey, offering a friendly face when you're unsure of your path and assisting with tasks like academic planning, change of major, and course selection. They're also your go-to resource for learning about student services like tutoring, co-op experiences, career planning, transfer advising, and job placement.

New degree-seeking students at Bristol are assigned an Academic Advisor before course registration to help them navigate their first semester and beyond. While drop-in advising is available for immediate advising needs, meeting with an assigned advisor each time ensures personalized guidance on your college path. It's recommended to meet with your advisor at least three times per semester to stay on track and make the most of your college experience. With their support, students not only set and achieve academic goals but also find the resources needed to succeed.

## Alumni Affairs

Fall River, D109, x2365 [Alumni@BristolCC.edu](mailto:Alumni@BristolCC.edu)

Bristol Community College engages alumni through events, volunteer opportunities, newsletters, social media, and other communications. All graduates of Bristol, as well as non-graduates who have completed at least 30 credits, are members of the Bristol Community College Alumni Association. Alumni enrich our community by providing links to professional fields, serving as community leaders, supporting the College financially through the Bristol Community College Foundation, and offering their stories to guide current and prospective students. A few ways of the many alumni are involved at Bristol include: the Bristol Mentoring Network, where alumni mentor current students one-on-one; College Central Network online platform, where alumni can search for jobs or offer employment

opportunities to students and other alumni; serving on the Alumni Association Steering Committee, which plans alumni events and supports the College in numerous ways; and sharing their stories to be featured in various communications, showing the impact of a Bristol education.

#### Basic Needs Support

Fall River, G Building, x2150, [StudentServices@BristolCC.edu](mailto:StudentServices@BristolCC.edu)

The Basic Needs Center assists students with food, housing, transportation, and other resources. These basic needs have a direct impact on a student's ability to achieve academically.

#### Cafeteria and Food Services

Fall River, G Building, x2237 and C Building x2140 [foodservices@bristolcc.edu](mailto:foodservices@bristolcc.edu)

The Café is located in the Commonwealth College Center (G building) on the Fall River Campus, offering breakfast and lunch items in a full-service café. The Hawks Nest, located in the Siegel Health Technologies Building (C building) on the Fall River Campus, offers breakfast, lunch and dinner items. Students can purchase items using Bristol Bucks at the Cafe, Hawks Nest and Vending and receive an 8% discount. For hours of operation, visit [Cafeteria and Food Services](#).

#### Campus Police

Fall River, D110

Business Line: (774) 357-2218, College Phone: x2218

Emergency Line: (774) 357-3911, College Phone: x3911

TEXT-A-TIP (deaf/hard of hearing): Text "BCCTIP" + your message to 67283 for real-time text communication with a police dispatcher.

[CampusPoliceDepartment@BristolCC.edu](mailto:CampusPoliceDepartment@BristolCC.edu)

Ten emergency call boxes are located throughout the Fall River Campus. They connect directly to a Campus Police dispatcher.

The Bristol Community College Police Department is committed to establishing partnerships with all members of the college community to proactively solve problems and reduce crime. We deliver essential services with the utmost integrity and professionalism to enhance civility and the protection and well-being of the college's students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

#### Career Services

All locations, x2959 [CareerServices@BristolCC.edu](mailto:CareerServices@BristolCC.edu)

Career Services educates students about the career development process. Career Coaches help students create career plans through individualized counseling, workshops, and programming. They also host an Opportunity Fair and administer College Central Network which connects students with employers.

#### Disability Services

All locations, 774.357.2955 [ODSaccess@BristolCC.edu](mailto:ODSaccess@BristolCC.edu)

The Office of Disability Services (ODS) ensures that the college provides an equal opportunity for students with disabilities to access their education, co-curricular activities, and academic supports through inclusive design and accommodations, as needed. ODS Learning Specialists meet with qualified students to review disability documentation, determine reasonable accommodations, and recommend a variety of learning strategies and assistive technology tools. Individual accommodations are a civil right guaranteed under federal laws.

#### Financial Aid

All locations, x2515 [FinancialAid@BristolCC.edu](mailto:FinancialAid@BristolCC.edu)

At Bristol our goal is to help make coming to college affordable and convenient. Financial aid comes in a variety of forms such as grants, scholarships, waivers, loans and even student employment opportunities. Bristol's Financial Aid team is here to help every step of the way. Financial Aid team members are at each campus and available by email, phone, in person or virtual appointments, and designated walk-in schedules.

#### Fitness and Recreation Center

Fall River, G Building (lower level), x2958 [Brian.Fernandes@BristolCC.edu](mailto:Brian.Fernandes@BristolCC.edu)

Bristol's fitness center offers free access to modern exercise equipment and physical fitness services for all students, employees, and alumni. Visitors must have a Bristol Campus Identification Card.

#### Mental Health Counseling

All Locations, x2760 [MentalHealthCounseling@BristolCC.edu](mailto:MentalHealthCounseling@BristolCC.edu)

Mental Health Counseling offers free, short-term counseling services to Bristol students. Services are designed to meet each student's needs and to help guide them through transitions and self-discovery.

#### Multicultural Student Center

Fall River, G Building, x2222 [StudentEngagement@BristolCC.edu](mailto:StudentEngagement@BristolCC.edu)

The Multicultural Student Center provides opportunities for students and other college community members to come together and promote greater awareness, appreciation, and understanding of Bristol's diverse community. The goal is to serve as a catalyst to build a more welcoming and inclusive environment for all students, faculty and staff. Through co-curricular programming and collaboration with other college departments, the MSC provides a broad range of activities and services to support student success and engage the college community.



### New Student Orientation

Fall River, G Building, x2222 [StudentEngagement@BristolCC.edu](mailto:StudentEngagement@BristolCC.edu)

New Student Orientation is offered before the semester begins and it gives new and transfer students an opportunity to learn about all the support services available to them as a new Bayhawk.

### Parking

Fall River, D110

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Emergency Line: (774) 357-3911, College Phone: x3911

[CampusPoliceDepartment@BristolCC.edu](mailto:CampusPoliceDepartment@BristolCC.edu)

Parking is free and available on a first-come, first-served basis on most campuses. The Fall River campus has 12 parking lots with more than 1,800 spaces. All traffic and parking laws are strictly enforced and infractions are subject to monetary fines, especially those involving handicapped spaces, fire lanes, parking on the grass, and parking outside white lines. At the New Bedford Campus, students are offered discounted parking at downtown garages.

### Student and Family Engagement

Fall River, G Building, x2222 [StudentEngagement@BristolCC.edu](mailto:StudentEngagement@BristolCC.edu)

Student and Family Engagement oversees services including New Student Orientation, events on and off campus, student clubs and leadership opportunities.

### Student Wellness

Fall River, E104; All locations x2760

Student Wellness at Bristol provides a range of services to support student success, health and well-being. Staff are trained to help students to engage in their academic studies with purpose and intention. Student Wellness also helps students to address challenges they may encounter by providing holistic support, interventions that can raise self-awareness, and help to resolve personal issues. Student Wellness includes mental health counseling, student resources, and a graduate intern training program.

### Technology Services

Fall River, A building, x3333 [ITShelp@BristolCC.edu](mailto:ITShelp@BristolCC.edu)

Information Technology Services (ITS) provides support with campus computers and computer-based services.



### Testing Center

Fall River, G218, x3978 [TestingCenter@BristolCC.edu](mailto:TestingCenter@BristolCC.edu)

The Testing Center oversees the following standardized exams; Accuplacer placement test, Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS), College-Level Examination Program® (CLEP), and the Massachusetts high school equivalency test (HiSET).

### Transfer Services

Fall River, G200, x2234 [Transfer@BristolCC.edu](mailto:Transfer@BristolCC.edu)

Many Bristol students transfer to continue their education at other higher education institutions. Transfer Services offers workshops, programs, and educational material for interested students. Bristol Community College participates in the statewide MassTransfer program, providing many seamless transfer pathways for students to transfer with junior status. Transfer Services also manages over 80 agreements with four-year institutions for students who want to pursue a bachelor's degree after Bristol.

### TRIO

Fall River Campus, B115 x3881 [Daniel.Henry@BristolCC.edu](mailto:Daniel.Henry@BristolCC.edu)

TRIO Programs are Federally funded programs that help first-generation, low income, and students with disabilities with demonstrated academic need to overcome class, social, and cultural barriers to higher education. The goal of the program is to increase retention, graduation, and transfer rates from two-year to four-year institutions of eligible students.

### Veterans Center

Fall River Campus, E103, x 2227 [Denny.Cosmo@BristolCC.edu](mailto:Denny.Cosmo@BristolCC.edu)

The Joseph A. Marshall Veterans Center is dedicated to providing assistance, support, and resources to military service members, Veterans, and their families. The Center welcomes Bristol's Veteran and military-support community to meet, connect, and share experiences. The Center offers advising, tutoring, professional development, and networking opportunities, and serves as home to Bristol's Student Veterans Association, the College's military-affiliated student club.

Bristol Community College is approved by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to offer the following VA educational programs:

- Chapter 30, Montgomery GI Bill®
- Chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (VR&E/ Voc Rehab)
- Chapter 33, Post 9/11 GI Bill®
- Chapter 35, Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA)
- Chapter 1606, Selected Reserve GI Bill® (Reserve & National Guard) Additional educational benefits offered at Bristol:
- Massachusetts National Guard (NG) State Tuition & Fee Waiver (NG Certificate of Eligibility must be submitted to Student Accounts office)

- Massachusetts Veterans Tuition Waiver (Copy of DD214 (#4) must be submitted to Financial Aid office) Bristol's VA School Certifying Official (SCO) and Veterans Center staff are here to assist in applying for, and processing VA benefits. For more info, please call 774-357-2227, email [veterans@bristolcc.edu](mailto:veterans@bristolcc.edu), or stop by the Joseph A. Marshall Veterans Center, located at Building E, Room 103, Fall River campus.

In compliance with S2248 PL 115-407 Section 103, Bristol Community College allows individuals who provide proof of eligibility for Veterans Educational Benefits, under Chapters 31 (VR & E) or Chapter 33 (Post 9/11 GI Bill®) to begin courses at any time after the effective date, stated on their certificate of eligibility or VA 22-1905 form. Bristol Community College allows eligible students to remain in their course(s) until the Secretary submits payment to the college and will not impose academic or financial penalties (denial of access to classes, libraries or other resources and/or late fees) on the student for delayed payment. The covered individual will not be required to pay/borrow additional funds, in order to satisfy their balance, as long as eligibility for Chapter 31 or Chapter 33 remains in place.

In accordance with The Veterans Choice Act, section 702, the college will charge in-state tuition and fee amounts to "covered individuals." A covered individual is defined as:

- A Veteran who lives in the state where the institute of higher learning (IHL) is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of discharge from a period of active-duty service of 90 days or more.
- An individual using transferred benefits who lives in the state where the IHL is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of the transferor's discharge from a period of active-duty service of 90 days or more.
- Anyone described above while he or she remains continuously enrolled (other than during regularly scheduled breaks between courses, semesters, or terms) at the same school. The person so described must have enrolled in the school prior to the expiration of the three-year period following discharge or release as described above and must be using educational benefits under either chapter 30 or chapter 33, of title 38, United States Code.
- Anyone using transferred Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits who lives in the state where the IHL is located and the transferor is a member of the uniformed service who is serving on active duty.
- Anyone using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship who lives in the state where the IHL is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence). The in-state tuition provisions do not apply to those individuals on active duty using benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill® and Montgomery GI Bill®-Active Duty. GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government Website at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>.

The in-state tuition provisions do not apply to those individuals on active duty using benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill® and Montgomery GI Bill®-Active Duty.

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government Website at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>.

### Women's Center

Fall River, E104a [WomensCenter@BristolCC.edu](mailto:WomensCenter@BristolCC.edu)

The Women's Center at Bristol Community College provides a safe and supportive space for empowerment through advocacy and education. The center provides a number of support services, such as Community Connect, emotional/crisis support, film and book series, and Parenting Advancement Pathways.