



## **ACCREDITATION, APPROVAL, AND LICENSURE OF INSTITUTION AND PROGRAMS**

### **History**

The West Virginia Junior College Bridgeport Campus was established in 2001 to meet the growing needs for technical, medical, and business training in north central West Virginia. It is an additional campus of the West Virginia Junior College, Charleston, WV, which was named Capitol City Commercial College, when it was established on September 1, 1892. The Institution was originally established to train students in secretarial and business office skills and has undergone changes in location and curriculum through the years to keep up-to-date with the changing need of area employers. Current program offerings include information technology and allied health majors in addition to the traditional business oriented programs.

### **Approvals/Accreditation/Authorization to Operate**

West Virginia Junior College is institutionally accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools to award diplomas and associate's degrees. The Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools contact information is 7777 Leesburg Pike, Site 314, N. Falls Church, VA 22043, Phone (703) 917-9503.

Students who have concerns/complaints not addressed to their satisfaction may contact the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools at 7777 Leesburg Pike, Site 314, N. Falls Church, VA 22043, Phone (703) 917-9503.

West Virginia Junior College Bridgeport campus is authorized to offer post-secondary education programs leading to a certificate, diploma, or associate degree in the state of West Virginia in accordance with its permit issued by the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education, 1018 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Suite 700, Charleston, WV 25301, (304) 558-0265 in accordance with Chapter 18B of the West Virginia State Code.

West Virginia Junior College is certified by the U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington DC 20202 (800) 872-5327, under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended to participate in Title IV student aid programs.

The West Virginia Junior College Practical Nursing program has been granted full state accreditation by the West Virginia State Board of Examiners for Licensed Practical Nurses. 100 Dee Drive, Suite 100, Charleston, WV 25311-1688, Phone (304) 558-3572.

West Virginia Junior College offers some programs that are approved by the State Approving Agency (through the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, 1018 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Suite 700, Charleston, WV 25301, (304) 558-0263) for students to use veterans' benefits. Please check with the financial aid office to confirm if your program of interest is an approved program prior to enrolling.

West Virginia Junior College is approved under the U.S. Department of Labor WorkForce Investment Act to train WorkForce Act eligible individuals.

Accreditation is a complex subject. This institution is "institutionally" accredited by a national accreditation agency. Other types of accreditation include regional institutional, and programmatic accreditation. The type of accreditation can impact important student benefits, such as academic credit transfer and graduate job eligibility. Prospective students should direct any accreditation questions to the Campus President before enrolling.

Note: For the most current information regarding Approval/Accreditation/Authorization, please ask the Campus President.

Students have the right to review all documents describing accreditation, approval, or licensing. A request for such review should be made to the Executive Director of the campus. The Executive Director will make accreditation, approval, and or licensing documents available for review at an agreed upon time and location.

### **Statement of Legal Control**

The West Virginia Junior College, Inc. is a private corporation. It operates a main campus in Charleston, WV and an additional campus in Bridgeport, WV. The corporation has no other campuses and is not affiliated with any other public or private organization or educational institution. WVJC operates under policies and guidelines established by its Board of Directors. Its Chief Executive Officer is its on-site Campus President.

The Campus President is charged with responsibility to manage all aspects of the campus operation and to exercise such discretion as he/she deems appropriate, within the broad guidelines and policies established by the Board of Directors. The institution's corporate officers

execute legal documents and perform other similar ministerial functions as required of corporate officers by law. No corporate officer has managerial or administrative responsibility and is not in the chain of command, unless he or she also holds the position of Campus President.

### **Institutional Operating Standards**

The following standards have been adopted by this institution to govern its operations and establish expectations for all employees:

To provide quality value-added service to our students,  
To exhibit a high level of ethical standards in every action taken and statement made,  
To comply with all federal, state or other laws, rules or regulations,  
To operate in the progressive, professional manner required in a competitive, worldwide marketplace while always maintaining the above three principles.

While these standards are general in nature, they reflect the institution's expectations that all employees and representatives act with integrity, honesty and fairness at all times. This applies to both conduct involving students and fellow employees as well as to the general public, the government, and all regulatory agencies and their staff. The institution recognizes that its reputation is its most valuable asset, and its reputation depends on the actions of its employees, hence, the above-stated requirements.

### **Affiliations**

The Institution is a member of the following:

WV Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators  
Chamber of Commerce