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## LCCC Earns Best for Vets Designation

LCCC has earned the title of Best for Vets for Colleges based on its veterans retention and graduation rates, grade point averages and the availability of a variety of military specific resources. The designation is from the Military Times, which also coordinates the Military Friendly Schools list, a designation the college has received since 2011.

A total of 325 schools made the list this year, the result of a survey sent to colleges and universities across the country about their veterans programs. Results were analyzed along with public data from the U.S. Department of Education and Department of Veterans Affairs. The entire list can be found on [bestforvets.com](http://bestforvets.com).

For 10 years, Military Times Best for Vets: Colleges has supported the military community through its ranking and reporting on the top schools for veterans. The Military Times provides news and information for service members and their families through a variety of service-specific publications.



LCCC continues to provide resources and support services to active military and veteran students, including their spouses and dependents, to meet their specific needs while attending college. Resources include veterans' lounges at both the Schnecksville and Tamaqua campuses, preferred scheduling, scholarship opportunities and a dedicated Veterans Support Team to provide the resources needed to successfully transition to college.

The LCCC Veterans Club provides an opportunity to find support, a purpose and make connections with fellow veteran and military students. In addition, the Veteran Advisory Board ensures LCCC remains current on relevant veteran-related issues. Students can also join SALUTE Veterans National Honor Society that recognizes academic achievements.

For more information on LCCC's veterans programs, contact Ariel Van Dam, assistant director of returning adults and veterans, at [avandam@lccc.edu](mailto:avandam@lccc.edu) or 610-799-1545. ■

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## Graduation of First CPT+ Class at the KDRP Plant

The first graduation ceremony for the Certified Production Technician Plus (CPT+) class at the Keurig Dr Pepper (KDRP) manufacturing plant in West Allentown was held this fall. The event was well attended by students in addition to KDRP management. Eight students received completion certificates from LCCC and credentials from the Manufacturer Skill Standards Council (MSSC). Lead instructor Chip Wacob provided a summary of the theory and hand skills that students learned during the 14-week program. CPT+ is a registered pre-apprenticeship program with PA Department of Labor and Industry.

For any questions contact Don Worman, [dworman@lccc.edu](mailto:dworman@lccc.edu). ■



# Students Interested in Nursing Career Receive Support Through New Partnership

Through a unique local partnership, students interested in a career in nursing will have financial support and guidance to begin their career journey as early as high school and continue through to college degree completion.

A memorandum of understanding between LCCC and Cedar Crest College (CCC) and Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN) will assist students throughout their

- Students attending LCCC under the dual admission agreement with Cedar Crest or completing their nursing associate degree to transfer to Cedar Crest to earn their B.S.N.
- Adults returning to college to earn their first college degree; and
- Veterans Scholarships, grants and other funding will also support students on this pathway.



“This partnership agreement helps to ensure that students in our community will be able to pursue a college degree and enter into a career that is fulfilling, pays family sustaining wages and meets workforce needs in our area,” says LCCC President Dr. Ann D. Bieber. “Continuing to find innovative pathways for students to move from high school, to college and into a career contributes to a vital community.”

“I am so proud to partner with Lehigh Carbon Community College to address the severe shortage of nurses in the Lehigh Valley,” said Cedar Crest College President Dr. Elizabeth Meade.

For information on this direct-to-workforce collaboration, contact the Office of Admissions at LCCC at [Admissions@LCCC.edu](mailto:Admissions@LCCC.edu); or the SAGE Admissions Office at Cedar Crest, [sage@cedarcrest.edu](mailto:sage@cedarcrest.edu). ■

journey. Through several entry points, students at various stages of life and experience can enroll at LCCC to complete their associate degree, then transfer to Cedar Crest College for their bachelor’s degree, primarily for a career in nursing. Students considering other careers in a hospital setting, including business, human resource management and communications, will also be considered. In addition, students can enter a career in nursing using the following pathways:

- Allentown School District students enrolled in the Century Promise program who complete credit coursework at LCCC;
- High school graduates eligible for admission to LCCC;



# LCCC Honors Scholars Program Accepting Applications

Applications are now being accepted for LCCC's fall 2024 Honors Scholars Program. This program is for prospective students who would like to join a small community of intellectually curious and highly motivated students. In addition to creating a strong foundation for transfer to competitive four-year colleges and universities, the Honors Scholars Program engages students in activities to expand their intellectual, cultural, and social horizons. The program is ideal for students who are willing to challenge their views, discuss their ideas, and explore diverse perspectives.

The Honors Scholars program welcomes a limited number of qualified, full-time, first-year students who plan to graduate from LCCC and transfer to a four-year college or university. Students who have successfully completed AP courses or high school honors courses, achieved a high school GPA of 3.5 or higher, are a member of the National Honor Society, are ranked in the top 10% of their graduating class, or scored a combined 1200 on their SATs are encouraged to apply.

Scholars receive a full tuition scholarship, covering tuition and fees after all Federal Pell grants and institutional scholarships are applied. Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA to be eligible for the scholarship each semester.

Students have the option of applying to one of two tracks - Liberal Arts or Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM). Students accepted into one of the program tracks complete a minimum of 24 honors credits, which include cohort classes that the group takes together. Other coursework is based on students' majors and transfer schools. Honors courses are selected to ensure that students will graduate on time.

In addition, high achieving students who have completed 15-30 credits as dual enrollment students, current LCCC students or students who have transferred in to LCCC from other institutions are encouraged to apply to the Honors College program, which is a one-year scholarship opportunity.

For more details on the Honors Scholars program, contact LCCC's Admissions office at [admissions@lccc.edu](mailto:admissions@lccc.edu), 610-799-1575, email [honors@LCCC.edu](mailto:honors@LCCC.edu) or visit the LCCC [website](#). ■

# Register Now for LCCC Winter and Spring Sessions

Registration for classes offered in the winter 2023 and spring 2024 semesters at LCCC is now available to all new and continuing students. Students can register online for courses that are offered in person, online or remotely, or in a hybrid format.

The 14-week spring session starts Jan. 22 and ends May 13, 2024. In addition, LCCC offers several accelerated spring semester options. There are two 7-week sessions - the first is held from Jan. 22 through March 10 and the second runs March 18 to May 13. A 10-week option begins Feb. 19.

Registration for the accelerated winter online session, which runs Dec. 18, 2023, through Jan. 18, 2024, is also available now. Information is at [www.LCCC.edu/winter](http://www.LCCC.edu/winter).

New students can apply for admission at [www.lccc.edu](http://www.lccc.edu).

Tuition and fees for LCCC's spring semester are due on or before Dec. 6, and after that date are due at the time of registration. In addition, a payment plan is available and can be set up through the myLCCC portal. Students can pay online or in person at the Business Office in Schnecksville, as well as sites in Tamaqua and Allentown.

For more information, contact LCCC's Admissions Office at 610-799-1575 or [Admissions@lccc.edu](mailto:Admissions@lccc.edu). For a complete list of credit classes and to register, visit LCCC's website at [www.lccc.edu](http://www.lccc.edu) and link to Course Search. ■



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## Important Dates for December 2023

- Dec. 12** Dual Enrollment Virtual Information Session, 5-5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 14** Virtual Admissions Information Session, 5-6 p.m.
- Dec. 20** Fall Graduate Degrees Awarded (No Ceremony)
- Dec. 22 - Jan. 1, 2024** College Closed
- Dec. 27** Administrative Offices Open, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## Around Campus



Transfer Student Panel, Oct. 11



Fall Open House, Nov. 8



Fall Job Fair, Nov. 2

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