

Bristol Community College named to 2019-2020 Military Friendly Schools list

VIQTORY, a media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, has named Bristol Community College as a military friendly school in the 2019-2020 Military Friendly Schools list, to be included in the May 2019 issue of *G.I Jobs Magazine*.

“Our inspiring student veterans enrich our entire community through their determination, strong work ethic, problem-solving skills and comradery,” said Bristol Community College President Laura L. Douglas, Ph.D. at the *Joseph A. Marshall Veterans Center*’s ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 11, 2018.

The 2019-2020 Military Friendly Schools list honors schools throughout the country that are doing the most to embrace America’s military service members, veterans, and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus. The listing provides a comprehensive guide for veterans and their families using data sources from federal agencies, veteran students, and proprietary survey information from participating organizations.

Institutions earning the Military Friendly School designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey completed by the school. For the first time, student survey data was taken into consideration for the designation. This year 766 schools earned this prestigious designation.

The list’s methodology, criteria, and weightings were determined by VIQTORY with input from the Military Friendly Advisory Council of independent leaders in the higher education and military recruitment community. Final ratings were determined by combining the institution’s survey scores with the assessment of the institution’s ability to meet thresholds for student retention, graduation, job placement, loan repayment, persistence (degree advancement or transfer) and loan default rates for all students and, specifically, for student veterans.

The college’s *Joseph A. Marshall Veterans Center*, at the Bristol Fall River campus, serves as a single point of contact for all Bristol and Veterans’ Affairs (VA) materials, educational benefit certification, academic counseling, essential resources, opportunities for peer connections and assistance with job preparation and placement services, including veteran-specific job fairs and recruitment activities.

The center consists of a variety of spaces designed specifically for assisting student veterans: student study space, private counseling and group activities. The college’s student veterans have access to the center’s laptops to complete documentation, VA certification or academic assignments. The open social space can be utilized by student veterans as a place to study, relax

and strengthen the sense of community among the college's student veterans.

For more information about the 2019-2020 Military Friendly Schools list or Bristol's *Joseph A. Marshall Veterans Center*, please visit <https://www.militaryfriendly.com/schools/bristol-community-college/>, <http://www.bristolcc.edu/studentlife/services/veteranscenter/>, call Beth Vezina at 774.357.2093, or email beth.vezina@bristolcc.edu.

About Bristol Community College

Bristol Community College is a leading resource for education and workforce development in Southeastern Massachusetts. Bristol has locations in Fall River, Attleboro, New Bedford, and Taunton, along with flexible online offerings that lead to an associate degree, a career ready certificate, or the ability to seamlessly transfer to baccalaureate colleges throughout the state and country. The college's Center for Workforce and Community Education provides customized training for businesses and the community including healthcare, workforce and sustainable initiatives, and corporate services. The Bristol Community College Foundation, a nonprofit organization utilizing community donations and partnerships, supports the college's mission to meet the lifelong educational needs of the community. For more information, [visit bristolcc.edu](http://www.bristolcc.edu).