

Bristol Community College's new Taunton Center opening Fall 2021

Bristol Community College's new Taunton Center will be open in Fall 2021 and ready for students. The new Taunton Center offers a variety of fully face-to-face and hybrid course offerings, student services, ample parking, convenient bus route access and is located within walking distance to Taunton's downtown. The center will feature on-site enrollment services beginning in August and registration is open now at www.bristolcc.edu/Fall.

Located at the former Coyle and Cassidy High School, 2 Hamilton Street, the re-imagined center will feature seven general purpose classrooms, two computer labs, a full-sized gymnasium, an auditorium, as well as a high-tech biology and chemistry lab.

"Bristol Community College has had a long-standing presence in the Taunton community and looks forward to further enhancing access to critical educational opportunities and business partnerships," said Dr. Laura L. Douglas, President, Bristol Community College. "The college's Taunton Center provides vital access to higher education for many residents throughout Southeastern Massachusetts, especially those who may be challenged by cost, distance and travel constraints. In order to create a college-going culture, we must be engrained in the community providing a strong foundation for all students centered on equity, inclusion and innovative strategies."

Student support services available at the new Taunton Center will include academic advising, transfer counseling, as well as career and mental health counseling. A Library Learning Commons that houses the college's Writing and Tutoring and

Academic Support Centers will serve as Bristol's central hub for tutoring and learning support.

Another important and in-demand offering is the college's Adult Education classes that lead to the High School Equivalency (HSE) credential, which is a requirement to enter college, the military and to obtain employment opportunities. English language classes will also be available for students to develop the language proficiencies necessary for college, careers and community living.

The college's convenient Taunton location will also become the newest home of the Bristol Bayhawks' Athletics programs and features a full-sized gymnasium with a basketball court and multiple outdoor athletics fields.

The college is currently leasing and refurbishing a large portion of the former Coyle and Cassidy High School property from the Diocese of Fall River. The three-story building will offer ample space for the college's needs and is a win-win for the community.

"I am pleased that this arrangement with Bristol Community College will put a large part of the former Coyle and Cassidy High School and Middle School building to good, productive use as the college's new Taunton Center," said Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., The Fall River Diocese. "Over many years, that building served generations of students well as a place to learn, to grow and to begin to build a future. Now as part of Bristol Community College, the facility can continue to support the pursuit of education and remain an asset to the Greater Taunton Area."

For more information about the new Bristol Community College Taunton Center, please visit www.bristolcc.edu/taunton.