At a Glance

Location – Multiple campuses in the St. Louis Metro East including Godfrey, Edwardsville, East Alton and Alton, Illinois

Degrees Offered – GED, Certificates, Associate degrees, Transfer degrees

Student Population – 20,000+ (credit and non-credit)

Average class size – 12.6 students

Student-to-Teacher ratio – 22 to 1

Athletics – Member: NJCAA

Lewis and Clark is home to 10 successful Trailblazers athletic teams. The women’s soccer team has earned two NJCAA Division I National Championship titles (1999 and 2008) and placed third in the nation in 2009. The men’s soccer team played in the national tournament in 2013. Both the men’s and women’s soccer teams played in the national tournament in 2015. The men’s basketball team finished fourth in the nation in the 2010 NJCAA National Tournament. Men’s and women’s tennis teams both played in NJCAA National Tournaments since 2012. Colin Alhvers finished fifth at the NJCAA National Golf Tournament in 2015.

About

Lewis and Clark Community College is a two-year higher education institution with multiple campuses, a river research center, Community Education Centers and training centers located throughout the 220,439-person college district, which reaches into seven counties.

In addition to offering numerous associate degrees and certificates in many growing and prosperous career and transfer programs, the college has something for just about everyone, including College for Kids, a nationally-accredited dual credit program for high school students, GED completion and a large Workforce Training program.

In 1970, Dick Combes, of Bethalto, was the first Lewis and Clark student to register for classes. Total enrollment that semester was 450 students. Now, the college enrolls more than 20,000 students and is a national and state award-winning standout among community colleges.

The Godfrey campus is unique - known for its beautiful, historic location on the grounds of the former Monticello College, the second oldest all-female college in the nation. The campus also features the Monticello Sculpture Gardens, a Signature Garden site for the Missouri Botanical Gardens, which comprises more than a dozen eye-catching sculptures and fountains. The Harriett Haskell Memorial Gate, which stands in the front of campus, was the first monument erected in the United States in memory of a woman. The historic N.O. Nelson Campus in Edwardsville was featured on Landmarks Illinois’ “20 Years 20 Stories” in 2015.

Lewis and Clark is dedicated to public engagement, from “greening” the campus, reducing the college’s carbon footprint and providing technical assistance in sustainable practices and education, to delivering affordable healthcare to underserved populations throughout the district via a Mobile Health Unit and a federally funded Family Health Clinic - the only nurse managed clinic operated by a community college.

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Quick Facts

- Lewis and Clark offers approximately 47 (associate and transfer) degrees and 83 certificates.
- Two colleges and universities offer bachelor and master’s programs on Lewis and Clark’s campus, and the college has more than 60 2+2 and articulation agreements with four-year institutions.
- Approximately 3.85 percent of the college’s district population is currently enrolled at the college, compared to the state average of 2.7 percent.
- Students and their families have saved more than $30 million in free tuition and fees through L&C’s nationally accredited dual credit program.
- There are more than a dozen student clubs and organizations to get involved in on campus.
- Through a partnership with University of Illinois, Lewis and Clark Community College and the Illinois Natural History Survey, the National Great Rivers Research and Education Center provides scientific advances and educational opportunities in river research, stimulates the local economy with funding from federal, state and private sources by employing people in the area, and leads the way in sustainability and river research. NGRREC’s state of the art, sustainable Field Station, dedicated in fall 2010, was awarded LEED Gold certification in 2015 for its initiatives, including its own solar, wind and hydro-kinetic systems, internal and external water recycling systems, a vegetative roof and more. In 2011, NGRREC was a recipient of the prestigious U.S. Water Prize for efforts in water sustainability.
- In 2010, Lewis and Clark completed a Climate Action Plan (CAP) outlining efforts toward achieving carbon neutrality by FY 2058. Toward that effort, the Godfrey campus features refillable water bottle stations, EV charge stations, solar panels and green touchscreen dashboards that monitor water and electricity usage in each of the buildings, among other sustainable tech and initiatives. As a frontrunner in “green” education, the college also offers multiple sustainable academic programs, and infuses sustainable practices into the general curriculum.
- The buildings on the N.O. Nelson Campus in Edwardsville were on Illinois’ list of “10 Most Endangered Historic Sites” prior to Lewis and Clark purchasing the complex and renovating the buildings. The campus is now home to more than 1,500 students and numerous community events, making this restoration one of the most successful preservation initiatives in Illinois.
- Lewis and Clark has 643 employees.
- Since it opened in 2008, Lewis and Clark’s federally funded Family Health Clinic has served more than 110,000 people in the community.
- Through the Mobile Health Unit, Lewis and Clark delivers free dental screening and preventive care to underserved families at least once a year during the annual Clean and Screen event.
- Lewis and Clark has played host to the USTA (Tennis) Men’s Futures Tournament every year since 1998.
- The college welcomes more than 200,000 visitors to campus each year for banquets, conferences and events.
- Accrediting organizations that have recognized Lewis and Clark include:
  - Accrediting Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
  - American Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)
  - American Dental Association, Commission on Dental Accreditation
  - Higher Learning Commission
  - Illinois Board of Higher Education
  - National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP)
  - National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF)
  - North American Process Technology Alliance (NAPTA)

For more information on the college’s programs and services visit www.lc.edu.