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# *The Collaborative Learning Program at Johnson & Wales University*



**“We should teach a thing  
not for its own sake but  
as preparation for what  
lies beyond.”**

**—Mary T. Wales, co-founder,  
Johnson & Wales University**

## What is the Collaborative Learning Program?

The Collaborative Learning Program, or CLP, is an exciting first-year learning community at Johnson & Wales University. Select faculty members from the College of Arts & Sciences, the College of Management, the School of Engineering and Design, the University Library, and the Feinstein Community Service-Learning Center combine expertise to coordinate studies, research projects, and field activities for an enhanced learning experience and to build community among students and faculty.

The CLP is offered to a limited number of business administration, counseling psychology, graphic design and digital media, hotel & lodging management, fashion merchandising and retail marketing, sports/entertainment/event management, and travel-tourism and hospitality management students who are specially enrolled in the CLP sections by Student Academic Services. In addition to being supported by the College of Arts & Sciences, the College of Management, The School of Engineering and Design, the University Library, and the Feinstein Community Service-Learning Center, the CLP enjoys further support from industry leaders throughout the State of Rhode Island.

## Goals of the Collaborative Learning Program

### Goal One

The CLP encourages students from their first day of university study to become responsible for their own learning while providing them with a supportive environment to help them adjust socially and academically to life at college. Individual attention from professors is one way the CLP engages students and encourages learning. Team work allows students to develop their capacity to care about their own learning and the learning of their peers.

### Goal Two

Linking the English composition courses with the students' introductory major discipline courses, the Collaborative Learning Program provides a pragmatic approach to learning by combining writing, research and communication skills with the theory of the students' major. The knowledge and skills students develop in the CLP become the building blocks for a solid education and help lead to both personal and professional success.

## Mission Statement

*The Collaborative Learning Program at Johnson & Wales University provides students with an interdisciplinary approach to learning through relationships from both inside and outside the university. Students experience education and empowerment through an integrated learning community. As university co-founder Mary T. Wales wrote, "We should teach a thing not for its own sake but as preparation for what lies beyond."*

## Benefits of the Collaborative Learning Program

- ◆ Promotion of academic achievement, student involvement, and intellectual development
- ◆ Integration of community service-learning within the collaborative classes
- ◆ Enhanced research opportunities and assistance
- ◆ Access to real-world career experiences
- ◆ Membership in a community of learners devoted to excellence, experimentation, mutual respect, and the constant building of community

