

# JJC Launches New Cannabis Program to Meet Demand for Educated Workforce

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Joliet Junior College continues to expand its academic offerings for students interested in future-focused industries. Today, the college announced [the addition of three non-credit cannabis certificates](#) designed to provide job skills training for those interested in a career in the cannabis industry.

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According to [Business Wire](#), cannabis is the fastest growing industry in America. Specifically, in Illinois, adult-use cannabis sales reached over \$1.5 billion in 2022, an increase of 12.5 percent from 2021, according to figures released by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

To address the critical need for workers in the industry, JJC's Corporate & Community Services department has partnered with Green Flower, the leader in cannabis education, to offer these in-demand programs, which will cover advanced dispensary associate skills training, cannabis manufacturing and cultivation.

“At JJC, we are always seeking to provide our community with new career opportunities in high opportunity fields,” said Dave Lantz, manager of Corporate & Community Services. “Green Flower as an organization represents JJC's commitment to excellence and building partnerships that equip our students and community with the education necessary for upward social and financial mobility. We are excited to see this partnership enhance and equip our community in this industry.”

The college chose to partner with Green Flower because of the program's flexibility. Each non-credit certificate program takes eight weeks to complete and is offered fully online. Students can register and begin courses at any time.

Upon certificate completion, graduates will have access to Green Flower's employer network. Courses cost \$750 and are now open for enrollment. The college is currently offering an

introductory discount of \$50 for any student who registers by April 14th, 2023.

“Green Flower is honored to be partnering with Joliet Junior College to offer our three cannabis industry training courses. The founders of JJC were true pioneers as they created the nation’s first public community college, hoping to help bridge the gap for graduating high school students looking to start careers. We applaud the college leadership for taking another significant and groundbreaking step in offering ways for people to train for careers in cannabis, the fastest growing industry in Illinois and the country,” says Daniel Kalef, vice president of higher education at Green Flower.



“Like other highly regulated industries, the need to have expertise in material handling, quality control, patient care, security, transportation, horticulture and more is vital to the success of all aspects of the industry, and all things people will learn in these courses. We are excited to partner with JJC and excited for the opportunity this will provide for students throughout the area.”

For more information on JJC’s cannabis programs, [please visit cannabis.jjc.edu](https://cannabis.jjc.edu).

#### About Corporate & Community Services at Joliet Junior College

Corporate & Community Services exists to connect the local and regional community with JJC. The department specializes in providing community-driven continuing education by offering a variety of non-credit programming, including short-term career training, contract business training, professional development, lifelong learning, Kids College and the MakerLab.

#### About Green Flower

Founded in 2014, Green Flower is the industry leader in cannabis education, empowering thousands of consumers, regulators, and professionals with the knowledge they need to succeed in the emerging cannabis industry today. Green Flower's content and technology platform powers the cannabis programs of top universities and colleges across the country, provides customized learning and compliance solutions for cannabis businesses of all sizes, and equips individuals with the skills and credentials necessary to make an impact in the modern

cannabis industry.

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