College on Fort Monmouth Nears Completion

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OCEANPORT – Students should be able to walk through the doors and into the light-filled, high-tech new campus of New Jersey City University (NJCU) beginning this July, said Michael Edmondson, Ph.D., the school’s director, during a tour of the facility March 11.

The former Fort Monmouth administration building known as Squer Hall remains a work in progress with multiple contractors working at full speed inside and out. Delays caused by COVID-19, including delivery of materials, prevented the school’s originally planned fall 2020 opening.

Some 350 students of NJCU currently attend classes at nearby Brookdale Community College in an arrangement that has been in place for 15 years, Edmondson said. That won’t end when NJCU students begin moving to the Oceanport campus in July. A full launch is anticipated for early fall, he added. The school’s main campus is in Jersey City.

“We hope to complete construction by the end of May,” Edmondson said.

We can now advance our mission to provide a diverse population with an excellent education, targeting and better serving people in the four surrounding counties, including an estimated 300,000 veterans.”

A state-of-the-art Nursing Education Center will include an intensive care unit and a skills lab with four beds for hands-on learning, along with a mock apartment where students will learn to help patients navigate their everyday lives. Each one-way mirror in those rooms will allow professors to create credibility simulations and monitor students’ performance.

“Everyone who shared their reasons for coming to this event mentioned the need to fix the facility. Some 1,800 small rooms.” About 1,800 people will attend the open house on Saturday afternoon.