

Student Services & Activities

Student Services

HCC offers a wide variety of services to help students reach their academic, career and personal goals.

Academic Advising

Advisors are available on each campus to help students select educational programs and choose appropriate courses. Advisors review transcripts, interpret placement test scores, explain degree requirements and provide information about transferring to four-year institutions. Students are encouraged to obtain an advising guide for their program from the HCC website and review it with an advisor early in their academic career so that they know which courses to register for each semester.

Admissions, Registration and Records

In order to provide students with prompt, efficient service, HCC must collect accurate information and maintain reliable student records. The college operates an admissions, registration and records office on each campus to answer questions about admissions, assist with registration, help complete HCC forms, receive and respond to requests for transcripts, and provide information required by outside individuals and organizations. In addition, the campus admissions, registration and records office will help students understand the policies and procedures in this catalog.

Bookstores

Each campus has a bookstore. The bookstores sell textbooks, general reading materials, books and periodicals, school supplies, art and engineering supplies, gifts, computers, computer software and other miscellaneous items.

Career Resource Center

The Career Resource Center provides students with information on careers and helps them make career decisions. Students can take career assessments and explore occupations with a campus Career Resource Center staff member through a variety of resources.

If students prefer working on their own, the college offers several automated career exploration options. CHOICES is a computerized career counseling and career exploration system designed to help students identify appropriate career options. The CHOICES database contains information on more than 700 occupations. Students can get more information about the career exploration system by visiting any campus Career Resource Center.

Employment opportunities are posted in the campus career centers and the online job boards. The Career Resource Center sponsors job fairs; schedules on-campus interviews with employers; and helps students with resume writing, interviewing techniques and other career related issues.

College Publications & Information

HCC provides members of the college community with current information by maintaining and supporting a variety of publications and media.

Counseling Services

Professional counselors are available to help students with career decision-making, academic planning, and personal growth. Counselors help provide direction to and monitor the progress of students who are on academic probation and those who have been previously academically suspended or dismissed. All information students shared with counselors is treated with strict confidentiality.

In addition to short-term individual and group counseling, counselors offer seminars and workshops on study skills, time management, interpersonal skills, test anxiety reduction, and career exploration. All counseling services are free to students.

Students who would like to meet with a counselor may call or stop by an HCC counseling office. Students will either be seen on a walk-in basis or given an appointment.

Disability Services

HCC makes every effort to help students with disabilities get the most out of attending college by providing reasonable accommodations to ensure access to all academic programs, campus organizations, services and activities, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

All HCC activities, organizations, courses and academic and technical programs are open to students with disabling conditions.

HCC facilities are, as a whole, accessible to persons with physical disabilities via ramps, automatic entrances, and elevators. Accessible restroom facilities, parking spaces, telephones and water fountains are also available.

Who is Eligible?

The ADA defines a person with a disability as any person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of such person's major life activities; has a record of such impairment; or is regarded as having such an impairment. **If students have one or more of the following disabilities, they may be eligible to receive services at HCC:**

- Specific learning disability
- Hearing impairment
- Visual impairment
- Physical impairment
- ADD / ADHD
- Psychiatric disability
- Alcohol / drug abuse
- AIDS
- Speech / language impairment
- Other health impairment

Examples of Accommodations

HCC's office of services for students with disabilities provides a wide range of free services to meet the needs of disabled students.

Depending upon documentation provided, available accommodations/services include, but are not limited to:

- College placement test and new student orientation accommodations
- Learning disability specialist
- Sign language interpreter
- Reader
- Notetaker
- Books on tape
- Assistive computer hardware and software on campus
- Visual magnifier
- Alternative testing arrangement

How to Apply

A student or future student wishing academic accommodations must self-identify and provide appropriate documentation of their disability to the office of services for students with disabilities. Students should contact an HCC coordinator of services for students with disabilities to discuss documentation guidelines.

Students are encouraged to begin this process at least one month prior to the start of the semester. Students may schedule an appointment or visit us on a walk-in basis.

Contact

For additional information on services and eligibility requirements, or to request services, students should contact an HCC coordinator of services for students with disabilities.

Brandon	BADM 217	253-7914
Dale Mabry	DSTU 208	259-6035
Plant City, HCC- MacDill Center,	Bldg. 5 Rm 101C	757-2209
SouthShore	SPMF 135	253-7000 ext. 5734
Ybor City	YPST 230	253-7757

Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD)

TDDs are located at the district offices and on each campus so that individuals with hearing and/or speech impairments can obtain general information about the college, get information about activities, programs, services for students with disabilities.

TDD Directory

Department/Campus	TDD Number
Admissions/DAO	253-7174
Advising/BR	253-7858
Advising/PC	757-2166
Sign Language/DM	253-7427
Library/YC	253-7761
Human Resources/DAO	253-7552
Switchboard/DAO	253-7195
Disability Services/DM	253-7035
Disability Services/YB	253-7788

Substitution, Admission and Graduation Requirements for Disabled Students

Students with hearing impairments, visual impairments, or specific learning disabilities who have received a standard diploma from a regionally accredited secondary school or earned passing GED scores may be eligible for substitutions of HCC admission requirements, program admission requirements, or graduation requirements. Eligibility for specific substitutions is based on the documentation of the students' disabilities.

If documentation of students' disabilities substantiates that the disabilities can reasonably be expected to prevent the students from meeting HCC's admission, program, course and/or graduation requirements, students might qualify for substitutions. Students must provide appropriate documentation to an HCC coordinator of services for students with disabilities.

Food Services

Cafeterias on the Dale Mabry, Ybor and Brandon campuses are open when classes are in session. The food facilities at the Plant City and SouthShore campuses are open during posted hours. Vending machines are located on all campuses.



Housing

The Hawks Landing Apartment Complex is available to HCC students for occupancy. The complex is located on the Dale Mabry Campus. For rental information, contact (813) 875-6000 or visit the Hawks Landing web page at www.hccfl.edu.

ID Cards

HCC identification cards may be issued. Students are required to show their ID card whenever they use college services or attend college-sponsored events. Cards that are lost, stolen or damaged may be replaced for a \$5.00 fee. Contact the campus student services office for instructions.

Student Email

Upon enrollment at HCC, all students are provided personalized email access through HawkNet, HCC's web-based service delivery portal. HCC has adopted email as the official means of communications with students because of its speed and efficiency in delivering important college communications. For this reason, it is important for students to check their HawkNet email regularly.

During registration periods, students should check email daily for registration confirmations, notices regarding fees, financial aid and other pertinent information. Log-in information for email and other electronic services available via HawkNet will be provided during new student orientation.

Hawk Alert

Hawk Alert is Hillsborough Community College's new text messaging system. It is easy to sign up! To receive text messages about emergencies, including campus closures, financial aid notifications, registration, and payment deadlines go to www.hccfl.edu/alerts and sign up for this free service.* Stay connected by signing up today!

* NOTE: Some charges may apply based on your service provider.

Information Centers

Official bulletin boards are placed in at least one location in each building. Information about upcoming cultural events, job openings, student activities, financial aid and athletic events are posted on these bulletin boards.

Lost and Found

Students should turn in any articles found on campus to the campus security office. To claim lost articles, students must present proper identification.

Student Support Services Program

Student Support Services (SSS) is one of the federal TRIO Programs that provide a variety of academic support services to eligible disadvantaged students. Comprehensive support services enhance and improve the retention, graduation and transfer rates of the program's participants from HCC. Additional transfer services are available to participants who qualify to transfer to 4-year colleges and universities.

All full-time and part-time disadvantaged students enrolled at any of the college's campuses, learning centers or off-campus instructional sites, who qualify under the broad criteria, can apply for admission to the Student Support Services Program.

Test Centers

Test Centers, located on all campuses, administer faculty make-up, distance learning, placement, and counseling-related tests. Before being allowed to take tests, students must show picture identification, either a government-issued photo ID such as a driver's license or an HCC student ID card.

Students taking the CLEP test are required to provide two forms of identification. One form of identification must be a government-issued photo ID such as a driver's license.

Disabled students who require alternative testing arrangements must contact an HCC coordinator of services for students with disabilities.

Students using unauthorized or inappropriate materials and students who conduct themselves inappropriately in a test center will be denied future testing privileges in the center and may be subject to college disciplinary action.

Transfer Centers

Transfer centers are available in the student services office at each campus. Academic advisors are there to assist students research, investigate, and ultimately choose a four-year institution to pursue their baccalaureate.

Vocational Rehabilitation Services

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Division of Blind Services, the Veterans Administration, and government agencies fund academic and vocational (technical) training for individuals with disabilities. For information about services and eligibility requirements and for referral to the appropriate agencies, students should contact an HCC coordinator of services for students with disabilities.

WINGS

The WINGS program is designed to promote the graduation of students pursuing AS, AAS, or college certificate programs. A variety of support services are offered to address short-term as well as lifelong goals. Students may qualify for partial tuition and textbook support, in addition to childcare assistance.

To qualify, students must be enrolled in a technical education program and be eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant.

To obtain further information, students should call 253-7234.

Student Activities

Student Government Association

The Student Government Association (SGA) provides opportunities for students to actively participate in programs and policy-making at HCC. The SGA serves as a major vehicle for communication between students and the administration. The Student Government Association represents all students.

Each campus has an SGA with a president, executive board and senate.

Student Union Facilities

Student union facilities are open to all students. These facilities usually house offices for the SGA and areas in which students can meet.

Student Publications

Student publications and the student press are valuable aids in establishing and maintaining an atmosphere of free and responsible discussion. The college requires that its student publications staff adhere to responsible journalistic practices. The Canons of Journalism, the Advertising Code, and the Advertising Standards of Acceptability serve as external standards for which the editors and staff of the student publications at HCC strive.

Newspaper

The Hawkeye is HCC's student newspaper. Published regularly, the paper is staffed by students from all campuses and receives assistance from a faculty advisor. The newspaper is free.

Galeria

The Galeria, HCC's literary-arts magazine, is published annually under the supervision of a faculty advisor. The Galeria has a staff of student volunteers, and students from all campuses contribute the material published. The magazine is free to all HCC students.

Triad

The Triad, HCC's general magazine, is published annually under the supervision of a faculty advisor. Volunteer journalism students staff the Triad, and the magazine is free.

Cultural and Special Events

Art Shows

The HCC Art Gallery is located in the Performing Arts Building on the Ybor City Campus. Exhibits include works from collections on loan to the Gallery as well as works by students, faculty, and guest artists. The Gallery is open to the public without charge when classes are in session. The annual Student Award Exhibit is held late in the spring term and is an especially noteworthy event.

For more information, students should call the gallery office at 253-7674. For information about exhibits on other campuses, students should call or write the campus student government activities advisor or a member of the campus art faculty.

Exhibits

The Exhibit Gallery, located on the second floor of the Dale Mabry Campus Library Building, houses selections from state agencies, local groups, artists and private collections. Admission is free. For more information, call 253-7386.

Drama

During the academic year, theatrical presentations are held on the Ybor City Campus. The schedule and location of open auditions for upcoming productions are posted on the campus bulletin board and in the school newspaper. Drama department productions are held at the Ybor City Campus Performing Arts Building.

Music

Student, faculty and artist recitals are held in the Ybor Performing Arts Building. Vocal and instrumental recitals and concerts are scheduled primarily during the fall and spring terms and feature student, faculty and guest artists in solo and ensemble performances.

Films, Dances and Special Events

Each semester campus student government associations sponsor events such as films, dances, concerts, guest speakers, special forums and cookouts.

Sports

Gymnasium, Weight Room and Outdoor Sports Complex

HCC's outdoor sports complex, an innovative joint project between HCC, the City of Tampa, and Hillsborough County, is located at the northeast corner of the Dale Mabry Campus. Students, faculty, and staff may use the sports complex at no charge while participating in college credit courses. At other times, students pay a special rate when they present their HCC ID card or semester's receipt. The public may rent the facilities according to a published fee schedule.

Tennis and racquetball courts are available for educational and recreational use by HCC students and the community. Hourly reservations are required and reservations for tennis and racquetball courts must be made 24 hours in advance. Further details are available by phoning 348-1173.

The gymnasium, which serves as the home court of the Hawks basketball and volleyball teams, is located on the Dale Mabry Campus.

College weight training rooms and the gymnasium are available for student use free of charge at designated times. There are weight rooms located on the Brandon, Dale Mabry and Plant City campuses. Hours of operation for the gym and weight room are posted and vary from term to term. Students are required to dress appropriately.

Varsity Sports

The varsity sports program consists of volleyball, basketball, tennis and softball (fast pitch) for women; and basketball and baseball for men.

The Hawks are members of the Florida Community College Activities Association, Suncoast Conference, and Region VIII of the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Financial aid is available to any full-time student who meets both athletic and academic qualifications. For details, students should contact the athletic office, Dale Mabry Campus, at 253-7446. Upon request, the college will make available to current or future students the completion rates of student athletes.

Student Clubs and Organizations

Each campus has clubs and organizations that serve student needs. Student clubs and organizations provide students with the opportunity to participate in organized activities with others having similar interests. They offer students a way to make friends, expand horizons, and get involved in college life.

The HCC Student Handbook has a current list of clubs and organizations offered at each campus.