

Admissions Policies

HCC maintains an “open-door” policy. Students may be admitted if they meet one of the following criteria:

- graduated with a standard diploma from a secondary school;
- earned a high school equivalency certificate or diploma through any state Department of Education or through the military;
- earned a Certificate of Completion, Eligible for College Placement Test (W8A) (graduating class of 2003 forward);
- completed a home education program pursuant to the requirements of F.S. 1002.41;
- applied as a transfer student; or
- applied as a transient student.

In order to maintain the College ideals of scholarship and deportment, the right is reserved to deny admission to applicants for any reason, deemed to be in the best interest of the College.

Admissions Requirements

Associate Degree, College Credit Certificate Programs, and Applied Technology Diploma

To be eligible for admission to an associate degree program, college credit certificate, or applied technology diploma (F.S. 1007.263), applicants must have

- a standard high school diploma;
- Florida public high school graduates must have met Florida graduation requirements (F.S. 1003.43).
- a high school equivalency diploma or
- completion of a home education program pursuant to the requirements of F.S. 1002.41.

NOTE: If applicants received a special high school diploma such as the Certificate of Completion (W08) or another special high school diploma and wish to apply for admission as a regular student, they must earn a high school equivalency diploma by successfully completing the GED exam offered through the Florida Board of Education.

There may be additional requirements for limited access programs. Please check the webpage at www.hccfl.edu/depts or in the associate degrees/technical programs section of this catalog.

Important: Students who hold education certificates from countries other than the United States should refer to the International Students section in this catalog.

Former Student Returning

Students maintain an active application status by attending HCC at least one term in an academic year. If students have not attended classes for more than one year, they must complete a new HCC application. Former students do not have to pay additional application fees. A former student returning to the College and pursuing a degree or certificate must meet the graduation requirements of the catalog in effect at the time the student returns to continuous enrollment at HCC.

NOTE: Since the College strives to provide the community with up-to-date, postsecondary educational opportunities, HCC’s curricula are constantly reviewed and are often revised. HCC does not guarantee that the College will continue to offer previously required courses made unnecessary by changes in programs. Courses completed as general education requirements under a previous catalog will be applied to current requirements.

Transfer Students

If students have attended other postsecondary institutions, they may be admitted as a transfer student. They must provide their high school diploma and transcripts from all previous colleges within 30 days of the beginning of the term. The student must have completed 12 credits of college-level work with grades of “C” or better at one or more regionally accredited postsecondary institutions.

Transient Students

Students attending other colleges or universities who wish to take courses at HCC in order to fulfill degree requirements at their home institutions may be admitted as transient students. Prior to registration, if students wish to apply as transient, they must submit an HCC Application and documentation from the home institution that

- certifies they are in good academic standing;
- indicates the HCC courses in which students may enroll; and
- affirms that they may use the courses completed