



Service Members Opportunity College (SOC)

HCC is an institutional member of SOC, a group of over 1350 colleges and universities providing voluntary post-secondary education to members of the military. As an SOC member, HCC recognizes the unique nature of military life. HCC is committed to facilitating the transfer of course credits, providing flexible academic residency requirements and awarding appropriate credits for military training and experience. Accordingly, HCC has committed to:

- Applying liberal entrance requirements. Applicants awarded a standard high school diploma or equivalency certificate by any department of education, or through the Armed Forces Test of General Education Development, may enroll in credit courses.
- Offering evening, weekend, and distance learning classes.
- Permitting completion of courses through the following non-traditional methods:

- College Level Examination Program - CLEP (maximum credit allowable without overlap is 45 semester hours of general and subject examinations combined).
- College Proficiency Examinations - Credit by Examination is available in many courses (maximum of 45 semester hours allowable).
- DANTES courses that are relevant to a student's program of study up to a maximum of 45 semester hours may be granted credit.
- Credits earned through the community college of the U.S. Air Force that are applicable to any degree at HCC must be transferred.
- In recognizing the advanced academic and technical content of many military education experiences, HCC may grant credit for military education that has been evaluated and recommended as suitable for postsecondary credit by the American Council on Education's Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services. After enrolling, a student must request such credit by providing appropriate documentation as determined by the College. Recommendations in the ACE Guide are advisory in nature and are not binding upon the College.
- Granting service personnel and their dependents in-state residency.
- Limiting the academic residency requirement to no more than 25 percent of the degree with no "final semester" residency requirement.

Reserve Officers' Training Corps

The Department of Military Science for Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) selects and prepares students to serve as officers in the Regular and Reserve components of the United States Army. The curriculum is designed to develop students' leadership potential, and to improve the students' planning, organizational, and managerial skills. HCC students may participate in the ROTC programs conducted through University of South Florida or Florida Southern College.

Enrollment is open to male and female qualified students at all levels. Army ROTC training provides free uniforms and textbooks. Financial assistance in the form of ROTC Scholarships is awarded on a competitive basis to students in all academic majors. The scholarships cover the costs of tuition, books, lab fees, and other academic expenses.