

HONORS INSTITUTE

HCC's Honors Institute is designed to create an atmosphere of scholarly inquiry while experimenting with alternative learning strategies, fostering an environment of creative interaction and intellectual flexibility, and emphasizing critical research and writing in a major documented paper or project. Students admitted to the Institute are involved in additional scholarship opportunities, special advising, priority registration and cultural and social activities.

LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Learning communities are formed with groups of students sharing both similar academic interests and academic schedules. Students and faculty work together to form a community of learners sharing a common academic experience. Cohort scheduling, student work and study groups, interdisciplinary assignments, and extracurricular activities combine to create a unique and challenging academic experience.

THE FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, The First Year Experience (FYE) provides academic support to students who are enrolling in their first term at the College. The project provides mentors to students, an early alert system, and specialized academic advising. The FYE is currently available on two campuses but will be expanded to all campuses by the end of the grant.

SLS COLLEGE SUCCESS COURSE

The College offers the College Success Course to help students become better learners and to get the most out of their college experience. These courses are taught by either counselors or other professionals in the Student Services Departments at each campus. Students are given instruction in time management, reading, note and test taking skills and critical thinking.

ADELANTE

Adelante tracks 150 first-generation college students from high school, to HCC and transferring to the University of South Florida.

WINGS

The WINGS Program is designed to promote the graduation of students pursuing two-year A.S., A.A.S. 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. Bus passes may also be available.

LIBRARY/LEARNING RESOURCE CENTERS (LRC)

Each campus has a Library/LRC that provides materials to support the College curriculum. The collections include circulating and reference books, current periodicals, archived publications, indexes, and audio-visual programs. An on-line catalog (LINCC) identifies both HCC and statewide library holdings. LINCC serves as the information gateway to indexes, specialty databases, and the Internet. In addition, many of LINCC's services are available through the Internet to students with a valid HCC student identification card.

Each LRC houses an audio-visual laboratory, containing programs, compact discs, audio and videotapes, filmstrips and slides. Each Library/LRC maintains a reserve collection that includes materials identified by HCC instructors for students' attention.

Campus librarians provide reference assistance and one-on-one instruction on locating information. Library/LRC hours vary by campus and are posted at each site.