

TECHNOLOGY CLUB

(Brandon) To help its members in learning and understanding the capabilities of their personal computers and to provide programs to HCC students, local schools, and the community.

THEATER CLUB

(Ybor City) To bring theater enthusiasts together and provide theater opportunity.

THESPIS SOCIETY

(Brandon) Promotes a knowledge and appreciation of the theater arts both on campus and in the community.

WORLD HUMANITIES

(Ybor City) Sponsors campus beautification projects and promotes unity of the student body.

POLICY FOR FORMING CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

You can find the College's policy on student clubs and organizations in the section of this handbook on *Policies and Procedures Affecting Students*.

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 share 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.

If students would like to meet with a counselor, call or stop by an HCC counseling office. Students will either be seen on a walk-in basis or given an appointment for a time in the immediate future.

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.

How to Apply

A student or prospective 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.

HCC complies with, and fully supports, the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The ADA prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the services, programs and activities provided and operated by the College. HCC also complies with, and fully supports, other federal, state and local laws that protect the rights of disabled persons, such as the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Florida Educational Equity Act.

Unless the result will cause an undue hardship to the College or fundamentally alter a program or service provided by the College, HCC will provide reasonable accommodations and auxiliary aids to disabled applicants, employees, students and members of the college community.

FOOD SERVICES

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

ORIENTATION AND PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Students attending college for the first time must attend orientation and, if applicable, take a college placement test. Once the student has been admitted, the appropriate testing, admissions and records, or advising office will provide information about orientation and testing. The College will provide reasonable accommodations to disabled students taking the placement test.

Degree-seeking students must provide assessment/placement test scores from CPT, FCELPT, ACT, or SAT prior to registering for classes. Test scores may be no more than two years old. If the scores are older than two years or if the student has not previously taken one of the aforementioned placement tests, the student may take the test at the appropriate HCC testing office. Students who have earned a postsecondary degree or completed college-level English and mathematics courses might be exempt from the testing requirement. The College strongly recommends that students who have completed postsecondary work at other institutions bring unofficial transcripts or grade slips with them for advising and registration purposes.

Students admitted as non-degree-seeking are exempt from the testing requirement until 12 credit hours have been attempted unless testing is required by specific course prerequisites.

STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial aid is any scholarship, grant, loan, or employment (or a combination thereof) designed to help students meet their college expenses. The amount and types of financial aid given is based on state, federal and HCC guidelines. Students must be degree seeking, meet enrollment requirements, submit official high school transcripts showing graduation dates or official GED test scores, and make satisfactory academic progress to be eligible for financial aid.

Grants and scholarships are considered gifts and need not be repaid. Low-interest loans are usually repaid over an extended period of time after the student leaves college. Employment refers to an hourly wage paid to the student for work performed.