EAP Program Description

What is EAP?
English for Academic Purposes (EAP) is a program of classes to prepare you in academic skills so you can go on successfully to take college/university courses. There are a total of six levels in the program. Levels 1 – 4 include Reading, Writing, Grammar and Speech/Listening classes. Levels 5 and 6 count as college level elective credits and require you to complete Reading, Reading Lab and Writing with Writing Lab.

What are EAP classes like?
Each class is limited to a total of 20 students. While in class you will work alone, in pairs, small groups, and as a whole class. You will have access to computer labs, the library, and to other events on campus. This experience provides you the opportunity to meet and interact with students from all over the world.

How are Classes offered?
Each class is offered several times daily and in a combination of Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday. You may also choose from morning, afternoon, or evening classes. There are a total of 3 semesters per year, (Fall and Spring semesters are 16 weeks in length; The Summer semester is 10 weeks in length but the classes meet for longer periods of time each day); Typically, classes begin in August (Fall), January (Spring), and May (Summer). You have the choice to attend part-time (3 classes or less) or full time (four classes) during the semester. In order to complete one EAP level per semester, you must take all four classes during that semester (attending full time). You may take less classes per semester but completion of the course will take longer.

How do I begin?
If you are ready to start, submit your HCC application online. Secure your funding and visit the Financial Aid office in your school. There you may receive information and options for tuition. Provide the Admissions office a copy of your transcripts, and Florida residency proofs. Obtain a test referral from The Connections Center to take the LOEP test (Level of English Proficiency). The test result is used to determine the EAP level where you will begin; if your test score is high enough to enter the EAP program, you will receive an appointment to attend orientation and there they will help you register for classes. If you do not score high enough to enter the EAP program, you will be referred to foundations classes provided through HCC’s Continuing Education Department.

**Please note that the EAP program is not an ESOL program and assumes the student has basic knowledge of the English language. All instruction is given in English.

***If you will be studying with an F-1 student visa, please contact the Center for International Education.

Please visit The Connections Center if you would like assistance in starting the enrollment process.