As you look ahead at opportunities for higher education, take a closer look at Hillsborough Community College. Whether you’re just beginning your college experience, seeking specialized training for career advancement, or transitioning into a new profession, HCC is the ideal place to put your plans into motion. Becoming an HCC Hawk may be one of the best decisions you make for your education — and your future.
Founded in 1968 as part of Florida’s 28-member State College System, HCC builds on a rich history of furthering education and developing leaders in our community. HCC boasts hundreds of courses and programs designed to help you earn a two-year degree or professional certification or prepare to transfer to a four-year institution. We also offer a variety of continuing education courses for working professionals, developmental education for those who need remedial or refresher courses, and English for Academic Purposes courses. HCC’s Institute for Corporate and Continuing Education (ICCE) supports the local business community through customized training programs, individualized business training, and leadership courses.

HCC has educated minds and changed lives for more than 42 years. Our five campus locations in Tampa, Brandon, Plant City, Ybor City, and Ruskin — along with a center on MacDill Air Force Base and robust distance learning program — provide more than 48,000 HCC students opportunities to take advantage of our extensive course offerings.

Reach New Heights at HCC

• Convenient locations
• Small day, night, and weekend classes
• Short-term academic options with more than 70 college credit certificate or advanced technical programs
• Extensive online course offerings
• Exceptional faculty
• Courses and programs relevant to today’s global economy
• Hands-on training for today’s jobs
• Low tuition cost
• Selection of apprenticeship and postsecondary technical certificate courses
• Accreditation by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
• “Open-door” admission policy
• Academic support centers
• Learning resource centers
• HCC Honors Institute
• Childcare on Dale Mabry and Ybor City Campuses
• Free parking
How much do classes cost?
HCC’s tuition is among the lowest in Florida and may be paid by cash, check, MasterCard, or VISA. Go to hccfl.edu for current tuition costs and fees.

Is Hillsborough Community College accredited?
Yes. Hillsborough Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate degrees, diplomas, and certificates. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.679.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Hillsborough Community College.

What is residency?
Residency is the term used by Florida institutions of higher education to describe the student’s tuition classification status. Students attending Florida institutions of higher education are required to show documentation supporting legal permanent residence within the State of Florida in order to receive in-state tuition rates. The state statute is specific in detailing the documentation, time period, and enrollment status of students intending to classify or reclassify themselves as in-state residents for tuition.
purposes. For detailed information regarding Florida state residency, please visit hccfl.edu and click on “Admissions.”

When is my transcript due to HCC?
As an applicant, you are responsible for ensuring that official copies of your high school transcript or GED scores and official copies of your transcript(s) from all postsecondary schools you have attended are submitted to the college. Students may choose to hand deliver their official transcript to student services at the campus where they applied. All transcripts must be submitted to HCC within 30 days after the start of the student’s first term of attendance.

What is the Computerized Placement Test (CPT)
Florida statute requires that all Florida community colleges and/or universities administer a common placement test to assess the basic computation and communication skills of students who intend to enter a degree program. This test is commonly referred to as the Computerized Placement Test (CPT), and it is administered on the computer to incoming students who are not able to show placement by other means, such as transferable college/university coursework, current SAT/ACT scores (completed in the past two years), or SAT/ACT scores meeting the minimum college-level placement. New, transfer, or returning students may be eligible and/or required to take the Computerized Placement Test (CPT), which requires a referral sheet from an HCC advisor, student services generalist, or counselor.

Is childcare available?
Yes, the Dale Mabry and Ybor City Campuses offer childcare for HCC students.
**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Must I attend college full-time?**
There is no minimum number of credit hours required, but there is a maximum number of hours you may take. The HCC catalog provides guidelines for the number of hours you should take if you are employed. There may be a certain number of credit hours required to qualify for certain financial aid programs.

**Does HCC have a student ID?**
The Hawk Card is the official HCC identification card. After registering for classes, you will be required to get a Hawk Card at carding events or at the campus bookstores. This preloaded debit card will also be used as your library card, for campus pay-for-print services, and for great discounts at on-campus and area vendors.

**Does HCC offer online classes?**
HCC offers extensive online class options as part of our distance learning program. Visit hccfl.edu for a full schedule of online classes.

**Do I get credit for courses I took years ago?**
College credits do not disappear or expire. Courses taken at HCC or another institution are part of your permanent record and may apply to the program you intend to pursue now. After you have submitted an official transcript to the college, your transfer credits will be evaluated and, if applicable, added to your academic record. Coursework from unaccredited or nationally accredited institutions may require meeting with an academic advisor or student services generalist to determine the process for potentially transferring credits.

**I was a dual-enrolled student in high school. What now?**
You must complete an application for admission that indicates your change in status. You will not be charged an application fee. You must also submit a final, official high school transcript with graduation statement (or signed affidavit) and attend an orientation session.

**Must I pay for parking?**
Parking is free at all campuses. Some campuses require students to have a parking decal, so please check with the campus security office to find out if you need one.

**Why do I have to attend orientation?**
Orientation provides students with important information regarding policies and procedures, course selection,
HCC’s Institute for Corporate & Continuing Education (ICCE) provides exceptional support for local businesses through customized training and development programs. Beginning with a complimentary needs analysis, HCC faculty members develop an individualized curriculum to meet business objectives and create a cost-effective training solution. Program areas include communications, leadership, IT and technical skills, and certifications. ICCE also offers professional continuing education courses and developmental education for those who need remedial or refresher courses, English as a Second Language courses, and career preparatory courses in allied health fields including nursing, phlebotomy, and radiology.

When can I register for classes?
You will be eligible to register for classes only after completing an online application, submitting placement results (transfer coursework, CPT, or SAT/ACT), and attending new student orientation.

When do I pay tuition and fees?
Tuition and fees are due by the posted delayed payment due date for the term of registration. Tuition for registration conducted after the delayed payment deadline date requires payment the same day as the registration. Note: The delayed payment deadline is posted on the college calendar and varies by term. It is the student’s responsibility to become familiar with the important calendar dates posted by the college.

Where can I find information about significant dates and deadlines?
The college posts a student services important dates calendar every academic year. The calendar can be found at www.hccfl.edu/academiccalendars.
HCC’s office of student services and enrollment management provides a variety of support and resources to students, helping them evaluate options and establish educational goals.

**Academic advisors** on each campus assist students in understanding requirements, exploring majors, and selecting courses.
Academic counselors help students cope with challenges such as time management, study skills, and personal issues that may impact their academic success.

Admissions, records, and registration offices on each campus answer common admissions questions and provide contact information for each campus admissions, records, and registration office.

Career resource centers help students transition to the working world through career exploration services, résumé and interview skills training, and posted employment opportunities. These valuable career services remain available to every HCC student and alumnus.

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Services for students with disabilities provides 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.

Testing centers available on each campus administer academic placement, faculty make-up, and counseling related tests.

Academic support centers on each campus provide individual tutoring services focused on a particular area of study and guidance to improve writing skills and assignments.
Financial aid is available in the form of scholarships, loans, grants, work-study programs, and on-campus employment. The HCC Foundation, Inc. also offers a variety of scholarships.

Students seeking financial assistance must apply each academic year. Start by completing an online financial aid application by accessing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on or after January 1 for the academic year that begins in August. To access the application website, go to fafsa.ed.gov.

You should complete the FAFSA online after filing your required federal tax returns (including those of your parents, if you are a dependent). In order for HCC to receive your FAFSA results, please provide HCC’s school code: 007870. Note: The FAFSA should be completed no later than eight weeks prior to the date classes begin.

Follow up with your campus financial aid office within 7 to 10 business days after submission of your FAFSA, or after you receive the Student Aid Report, in order to 1) check federal Pell Grant and other aid eligibility, 2) confirm that your transcripts have been properly submitted, and 3) determine what documents may still be required.
At HCC, many students enjoy a fulfilling college experience beyond the classroom — complete with activities such as plays, sporting events, and exhibitions. Whether you’re an active participant or a spectator, discover the variety of extracurricular opportunities available to you.

If you enjoy writing, you can join our award-winning HCC media clubs like the Hawkeye newspaper staff or the creative writing publications Galeria and Triad. HCC’s highly competitive and nationally recognized athletic teams include men’s and women’s basketball, men’s baseball, and women’s volleyball, softball, and tennis.

ACTIVITIES | SPORTS | ORGANIZATIONS

The HCC Student Government Association offers students roles in policy-making procedures that affect student life on campus, as well as valuable leadership experience with numerous special interest clubs on our campuses. Go to hccfl.edu for a complete listing of student organizations.

DISTANCE LEARNING

A growing number of HCC students choose to earn college credits electronically. Our distance learning program can be an effective and efficient way to achieve your educational goals despite location and time challenges.

Specifically designed for students with busy schedules, HCC distance learning classes are delivered electronically to provide greater flexibility and convenience. The teaching methods for these classes include web courses, media-based web courses, and interactive video conferencing.

Student Housing at Hawks Landing

Located across from our Dale Mabry Campus in Tampa, the Hawks Landing apartment community offers HCC students a great value, a convenient location, a living and learning atmosphere, and, most importantly, fun.

At Hawks Landing, you can choose your own fully furnished room and roommates. Our easy, online leasing system offers individual leases — perfect for HCC students with varying schedules. Residents also enjoy a swimming pool, game room, fitness center, and computer lab; and every bedroom is wired for high-speed internet access.

Sign up today and see why our residents love living at Hawks Landing!
Brandon Campus  
10414 E. Columbus Drive  
Tampa, FL 33619  
(TDD) 253.7858

Dale Mabry Campus  
4001 West Tampa Bay Blvd.  
Tampa, FL 33614  
(TDD) 253.7035

GWS District Administration Center  
39 Columbia Drive  
Tampa, FL 33606  
(TDD) 253.7174

MacDill Center  
8102 Condor Street  
MacDill AFB, FL 33621  
(TDD) 757.2166

Plant City Campus  
1206 North Park Road  
Plant City, FL 33563  
(TDD) 757.2166

SouthShore Campus  
551 24th Street NE  
Ruskin, FL 33570

Ybor City Campus  
2112 N. 15th Street  
Tampa, FL 33605  
(TDD) 253.7788
Hillsborough Community College awards associate in science (AS) degrees, associate in applied science (AAS) degrees, and associate in arts (AA) degrees. A minimum of 60 credit hours is required to obtain a degree. This includes a minimum of 15 credit hours to meet general education requirements, six credits in humanities/fine arts, and three credits in humanities. Three credits each are also required in math/natural science, social/behavioral science, and program-specific general education courses. See the HCC catalog at hccfl.edu for details.

- 18 associate in art degree tracks
- 66 associate in science and applied science programs
- 74 certificate and PSAV programs

HCC is the country’s 11th leading producer of associate degrees according to a new report published in the June 2011 edition of Community College Week.

Using data assembled by the U.S. Department of Education’s National Center for Education Statistics, which compared over 1,200 two-year community colleges in the United States, HCC awarded a total of 2,615 associate degrees during the 2009-10 academic year.

Additionally, over 1,000 of those degrees, or 40 percent, were awarded to minority students, making HCC the 16th largest producer of minority degrees in the country—a 14 percent increase over the prior year.
ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

The AA degree is designed to help a student meet the general education or core requirements needed to transfer to the upper division level of a four-year college or university to continue work toward a bachelor’s degree. The State of Florida’s 2 + 2 System provides students with the opportunity to transfer to a state university upon completion of an associate in arts degree. Central to the AA degree is the general education curriculum (36 of the 60 credits required for the degree), which helps students acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to have a broad understanding of a changing world. AA graduates from HCC have transferred to and graduated from all of the Florida public universities and from universities across the nation.

Within the AA degree programs, you’ll find hundreds of possible transfer majors, such as anthropology, biology, chemistry, earth science, English, history, humanities, mathematics, physics, psychology, speech, or sociology. Each major has a distinct listing of common prerequisite courses designated by the the State University System of Florida. To ensure accuracy in selecting courses, refer to the student advising guides available online or in the counseling and advising offices. There are often GPA requirements for certain university programs, so it is essential that you meet with an advisor to help map out your studies.
Students may also select one of HCC’s pre-major tracks, which include:
- Agriculture
- Architecture
- Art
- Building Construction
- Business Administration
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Science (Engineering)
- Dance
- Dramatic Arts
- Education and Teacher Preparation
- Engineering
- Graphic Design
- Hospitality Administration Management
- Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Mass Communications
- Medical Science
- Music
- Pharmacy

In 2009 – 2010, there were 2,007 HCC students who completed AA degrees. Of those who chose a pre-major track, the largest numbers were in business and education in 2009 – 2010.

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE
The AS degree offers additional coursework to prepare students for high-skill, high-wage employment—and transfer to a four-year university. If you decide to pursue a four-year degree, you may be able to transfer some or all of your AS coursework at HCC. Public universities in Florida now accept seven full AS degrees for transfer, including hospitality and tourism management, computer engineering, electronics engineering, nursing, business administration, radiography, and criminal justice. In addition, agreements exist between HCC and various public and private senior institutions for many other AS degree programs, such as sign language interpretation, legal assisting, computer science, and early childhood management.

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE
Designed to prepare a student for career entry or advancement, the AAS degree offers technical expertise within a particular occupation or profession. This degree does not generally transfer to a four-year college or university; however, some AAS courses may be eligible for transfer.
HCC offers degrees in these program areas:

**Architectural Design and Construction**
- AS Architectural Design and Construction Technology
- AAS Construction Management Technology

**Business**
- AAS Accounting Technology
- AS Business Administration
- AAS Industrial Management Technology
- AS Office Administration

**Early Childhood Education**
- AS Early Childhood Management

**Engineering Technology**
- AS Biotechnology
- AS Electronics Engineering Technology
- AS Engineering Technology

**Environmental Science**
- AS Aquaculture
- AS Environmental Science Technology

**Health Sciences**
- AS Counseling and Human Services
- AS Dental Hygiene
- AS Diagnostic Medical Sonography Technology
- AS Emergency Medical Services
- AS Maternal and Child Services Program
- AAS Nuclear Medicine Technology
- AS Nursing RN Basic
- AS Optical Management Technology
- AS Opticianry

**Hospitability and Culinary Arts**
- AS Culinary Management
- AS Dietetic Technician
- AS Hospitality and Tourism Management
- AS Restaurant Management

**Information Technology**
- AS Computer Engineering Technology
- AS Computer Information Administrator
- AS Computer Programming
- AS Database Technology
- AS Information Technology Security
- AS Internet Services Technology
- AS Network Administrator

**Media Arts Technology**
- AS Digital Media/Multimedia Technology
- AS Digital Television and Media Production

**Public Service**
- AS Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies
- AS Fire Science Technology
- AS Paralegal/Legal Assisting

**Veterinary Technology**
- AS Veterinary Technology
NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST:

✔ Meet with advisor.
✔ Fill out FAFSA form for financial aid.
✔ Register and pay for classes.
✔ Attend orientation.
✔ Buy books at one of the campus bookstores or at www.hccfl.edu/bookstore.
✔ Sign up for Hawk Alert.
✔ Check out Hawks Landing.
✔ Join Zimride - HCC’s private rideshare network.

OPPORTUNITIES IN WORKFORCE TRAINING

College Credit Certificate (CCC)
Short-term CCC programs provide highly specialized core knowledge and skills within a particular profession. This is a great option for those who want to advance in a current job or change occupations. The number of credit hours needed to earn a CCC ranges from 12 to 50.

Applied Technology Diploma (ATD)
The ATD is a short-term, technical training program focusing on a specific field or job. Programs require a minimum of 11 credits, which may be applied to the related AS or AAS degree.

Advanced Technical Certificate (ATC)
The ATC is a short-term, advanced training program for those who already have an associate in science degree. Programs range from nine to 45 credit hours.

Postsecondary Adult Vocational (PSAV)
Designed for students interested in specific business or industry jobs, PSAV programs are structured around competitive fields in the Florida market. HCC offers more than ten PSAV programs. The number of credit hours required to complete PSAV certificates varies by program, and these courses do not apply toward college credit.
Education Preparation Institute (EPI)
The EPI program is designed for individuals who want to teach, but hold a bachelor’s degree in an area other than education. This alternative certification program requires 21 credit hours and provides the knowledge and tools to earn a Florida Professional Teaching Certificate.

Pathways to Higher Education
For students not yet ready for college-level course work, HCC offers a number of programs and services to help prepare for success in higher education.

Adult Basic Education (ABE)
Offered through the Operation College (OC) program on the Ybor City Campus, ABE courses prepare students to pass the General Educational Development (GED) test to attain a state of Florida high school diploma. The program helps students reach specific levels of proficiency in language arts, math, reading, social studies, and science. OC also offers GED classes online and in Spanish.

English for Academic Purposes (EAP)
EAP courses help non-native English speakers reach a level of proficiency that will prepare them for better employment or academic opportunities. There are six course levels available. Levels one through four target students seeking improvement in language proficiency and in achieving college-level reading and writing skills. Levels five and six count as college credit coursework and may be applied as electives toward the AA degree program.

Developmental College Preparatory
Designed to improve students’ performance in reading, writing, and mathematics, our college preparatory curriculum serves students who score below the state-mandated minimums on the college placement test. These students must enroll in college preparatory writing, reading, and/or computation courses, depending on their areas of need.
For those students not yet ready for college-level course work, HCC offers a number of programs and services to help prepare for success in higher education.

VISION
Hillsborough Community College will deliver education of the highest standards enabling a diverse community of lifelong learners to achieve their maximum potential in a global society.

MISSION
Hillsborough Community College, a public, comprehensive institution of higher education, empowers students to excel through its superior teaching and service in an innovative learning environment.
Apply for Admission in Four Easy Steps

STEP 1. Admission
Submit your application online at hccfl.edu. Simply click on “Future Students” and follow the prompts. Include your official high school transcripts or GED scores as well as transcripts from all postsecondary schools you have attended. Be sure to verify all the information when you receive your admissions letter.

STEP 2. Financial Aid
If you plan to use federal or state funding, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), available at fafsa.ed.gov, and all other HCC forms via the Financial Aid link on our home page.

STEP 3. Academic Assessment
Meet with an advisor to provide ACT/SAT scores, or to receive a referral to take a college placement test.

STEP 4. Orientation and Registration
Complete a required orientation session available at each campus. Research your academic options using the college catalog and advising guides. Orientation will guide you through the process for registration.