# Harrisburg Area Community College H.A.C.C.

Central Pennsylvania's Community College



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#### Overview



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- Institutional Insights



#### Mission Statement

In partnership with students, educators, businesses and our diverse communities, Harrisburg Area Community College fosters excellence in the educational, cultural, workforce development and economic growth of the College's service areas.



#### Vision Statement

Harrisburg Area Community College is an accessible, affordable, high quality, comprehensive community college. The multicampus college serves as a premier educational and workforce development institution. The presence of quality instruction and cutting edge technology, business and industry collaboration, and a learner-centered environment provides students the necessary knowledge skills and values to compete and excel in a global community.

# Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education

- Associate's Degree
- Public
- Urban-serving
- Multicampus Institution





## **HACC** Fast Facts

- Founded in 1964
- 1<sup>st</sup> Community College in State
- Five Campuses
- Over 19,000 Students
- Over 180 Programs
- Open Admissions
- No SAT's Required
- The College is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.



## Interesting Facts

- 50,000 taking Non-Credit Courses
- 10 County Service Area
- More than 600 Veterans attend HACC
- 208 International Students
- Average age of a HACC student is 28



## Student Experience

- Individual Student Experiences
  - Male Student
    - Second chance
  - Female Student
    - Opportunity to further educational experiences





#### Adult Students

- Median age is 30 55 years old
- 60% are Women, 40% are Men
- Attend class while holding a full or part time job
- Attend HACC to improve job skills, career training and improve earning potential



## Key Attributes

- Affordability
- Location/Convenience/Accessibility
- Small Class Size
- High Academic Standards
- Focus on Student Success
- Active Student Life
- Diverse student body, faculty and staff



## Costs

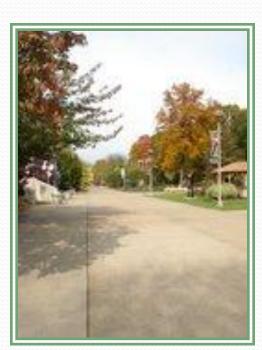
- 22 Sponsoring School Districts
- In State Resident, Sponsored \$1314.00 per semester
- In State, Non-Sponsored \$2316.00
- Certificate of Residence

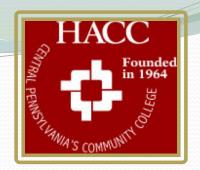






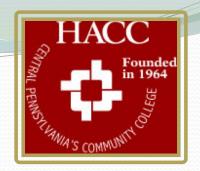
- Complete an Application for Admission and submit the \$35 application fee
- Submit Transcripts
- Schedule Placement Testing
- Meet with your Advisor
- Schedule Classes





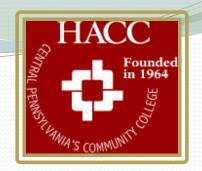
## Academic Programs

- Career Programs
  - Designed for you to complete a two year Associate Degree and be ready to enter the workforce upon graduation
  - Typically involve an internship or some sort of hands-on training
  - Most popular include Nursing, Culinary Arts, and Automotive Technology



## Academic Programs

- Transfer Programs
  - Designed for you to complete two years at HACC and transfer to a four year school to complete the last two years of your Bachelor's Degree
  - GREAT way to save money the first two years
  - About half of our students are in this type of program



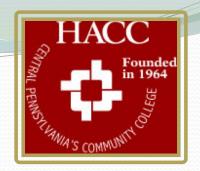
#### Transfer Services

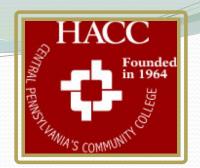
- Articulation agreements
  - 16 colleges around Pennsylvania
  - Make it easy to transfer into that new school
- Dual admissions programs
  - Apply and are accepted to HACC and another school at the time of enrollment

#### Transfer Agreements

#### Dual Admission

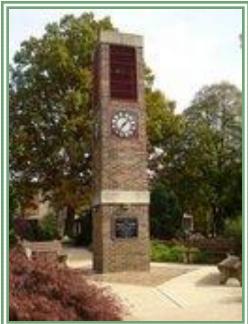
- Agreement is between HACC and a 4-year college or university that facilitates the admission process for students interested in pursuing their bachelor degree
  - Colleges that participate: (Total of 12)
    - Albright College,
    - Drexel University
    - Eastern University
    - Elizabethtown College
    - Lebanon Valley College
    - Millersville College
    - Penn State Harrisburg,
    - Peirce College (paralegal only)
    - Shippensburg University
    - Susquehanna University
    - Temple University
    - Wilson College





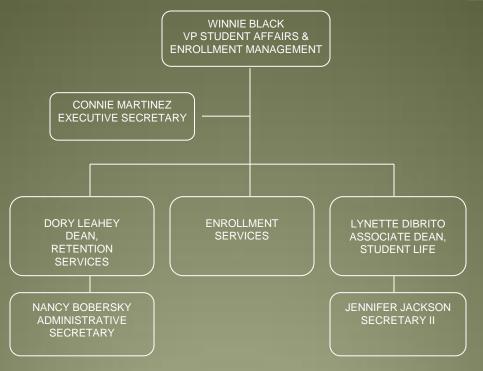
## Articulation Agreements

 Student takes various courses that will articulate into the desired transfer program that we have an articulation agreement with



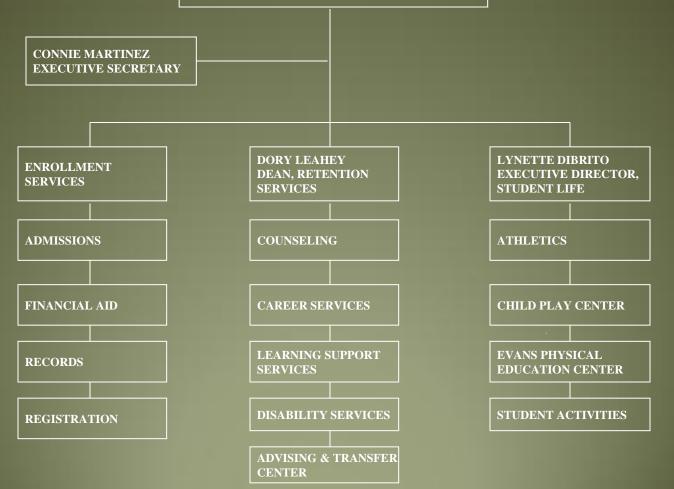








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## Services to Promote Student Success



- Freshmen Orientation
- Office of Academic Success
- Academic and Career Advising
- Transfer Center
- Placement Testing to promote success in the Classroom
- Free Tutoring and Academic Workshops



## Admissions Office

- Open admissions policy
- Conditions on enrollment:
  - High school diploma or GED
  - At least 18 years of age
- Placement tests
  - Determine what course level the student should start at
- Special programs
  - International Admissions
  - High School/College credit courses



## Counseling Services

- Falls under retention services
- Provides counseling services to students
  - One on one sessions
  - Group counseling
  - Self-help services
- Academic advising and transfer services, as well as Career services are also considered a part of this office



## Career Services

- Resume and cover letter advice
- Interview preparation
- Job search skills
- Interest inventories and career exploration
- Provide students with the skills they need to find a job they will love
- To meet the needs of the diverse population:
  - Podcasts
  - Virtual resume workshops

# Office for Academic Success



- "Support students and the college community by offering academic services and resources that promote educational, professional, and personal excellence."
- Learning Center
  - Subject tutors
  - Writing skills
  - Study skills
  - Open 14 hours/day
- Test Center
  - Make up tests as well as preparation for further testing
- ACT 101
- Male Mentoring Program





- "Premier leader in adult education"
- Strives to make college convenient and affordable for adults who want to improve their lives
- Provides assistance and resources to nontraditional/adult students
- Office of Veterans Affairs





- Offers daycare services to the children of HACC students, faculty, and staff
- Preschool for children aged 3-5
  - Year round
  - Small class sized
  - Project based curricula
- Reduced rates



## Office of Disability Services

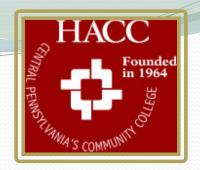


- "Promote student independence, program accessibility and a psychologically supportive environment"
- Must submit documentation of disability
- Assessment for disability must have been completed within three years of enrollment

## Athletics



- Eastern Pennsylvania Collegiate Conference
  - Competes against 15 other schools
- Mens' sports
  - Basketball
  - Volleyball
  - Soccer
- Womens' sports
  - Basketball
  - Volleyball
- Coed Sports
  - Golf
  - Tennis
- Flexible coaches and practices
- 2.5 hour travel radius
- Intramural and recreational programs as well



#### Financial Aid

- Assists students in finding and applying for:
  - Loans
  - Grants
  - Scholarships
- Aid in completing and filing FAFSA





- Recruitment
- Assists in pre-entry paperwork and logistics
- Provides programming and assistance once the students arrive
- VISA and Immigration paperwork

## Multicultural Affairs



- "Foster inclusion, appreciation, and understanding of culture and ethnicity throughout the college by providing a range of services and programs that have a positive impact on the academic success and quality of life of our students."
- Programming that reaches out into the community
- Programs that bring the HACC community together
- Study abroad programs

### Strategic Plan



- Support all students to ensure academic, personal, and professional success
- Leader in academic programs, instruction, and services
- Leader in engaging students, faculty and staff
- Foster a collegial, inclusive and continuous learning environment
- Foster financial strength and planning, technology and facilities
- National model for leveraging partnerships

## Institutional Insights

- Community Outreach
- Challenges in Student Affairs
- Misconceptions and Considerations







## Questions...





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