

HACC - CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Nursing Program  
Verification of high school graduation requirement

The State Board of Nursing requires that students provide official documentation of high school graduation or equivalent before beginning nursing programs.

**Documentation must be opened by a HACC college official. Student copies of high school records or diplomas are NOT acceptable.**

Education	Documentation
Graduates of U.S. high schools:	A high school transcript that includes date of graduation and is signed by a high school official
Home schooled students	<p>The following advice is provided by the PA Department of Education: <b>How does a home educated child receive a high school diploma?</b></p> <p>School districts do not issue diplomas to students in home education programs. Other diplomas are available:</p> <p>A student may fulfill the necessary requirements of a home education organization to receive a home school diploma. The list of organizations recognized by PDE to issue diplomas is here: <a href="http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/home_education_and_private_tutoring/20311/diplomas/974322">http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/home_education_and_private_tutoring/20311/diplomas/974322</a></p> <p>A student may successfully complete the GED test and receive the Commonwealth Secondary Diploma. Information is here: <a href="http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/ged%C2%AE_learner_information/9084">http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/ged%C2%AE_learner_information/9084</a></p> <p>A student may successfully complete 1 year or 30 semester hours of college-level coursework at an accredited postsecondary institution and submit that information to PDE and receive a Commonwealth Secondary Diploma. See the regulation: <a href="http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/022/chapter4/s4.72.html">http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/022/chapter4/s4.72.html</a></p> <p>For purposes of the State Higher Education Grant Program, an approved secondary school shall also include any home education program that is accredited by any home schooling accreditation agency approved by the Department of Education. If the home education program lacks the requisite accreditation, certification by the appropriate local school official attesting that the home education program is in compliance with section 1327.1 of the Public School Code of 1949 (24 P. S. § 13-1327.1) shall be submitted to the Agency by the appropriate local school official.</p>

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PA GED recipients	<p>Instructions for requesting a GED transcript are found at:  <a href="http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/ged%C2%AE_learner_information/9084">http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/ged%C2%AE_learner_information/9084</a></p> <p>Or call the PA Department of Education at: 717-783-6788</p>
Graduates of non U.S high schools	Evaluation of secondary school record that shows high school graduation by HACC-approved credential evaluation service.
	Completion of a GED (See information under “homeschooled” section above)
	Completion of a Commonwealth Secondary Diploma (See information under “homeschooled” section above)
	Completion of a Certificate of Preliminary Education (Request application)

Students with credentials from states other than Pennsylvania should contact the appropriate agency in that state.

	Send official documents to one of the following	
1)	Virginia L. Young 201D Blocker Harrisburg Area Community College One HACC Dr Harrisburg PA 17110	
2)	<b>Campus Admission Office</b>	
	<b>HACC Harrisburg Campus</b> Admissions Office One HACC Dr Harrisburg PA 17110	<b>HACC Gettysburg Campus</b> Admissions Office 731 Old Harrisburg Road Gettysburg, PA 17325
	<b>HACC Lancaster Campus</b> Admissions Office 1641 Old Philadelphia Pike Lancaster, PA 17602	<b>HACC York Campus</b> Admissions Office 2010 Pennsylvania Avenue York, PA 17404
3)	<b>Or to applicant. If documents are sent to applicant, documents must remain sealed until opened by a HACC official.</b>	

If you have questions, email Virginia Young at vlyoung@hacc.edu.

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