

Harrisburg Area 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| 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:<br/><b>How does a homeschooled 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A student may fulfill the necessary requirements of a home school organization to receive a home school diploma. The list of organizations recognized by PDE to issue diplomas is here:<br/><a href="http://www.pde.state.pa.us/home_education/cwp/view.asp?a=150&amp;Q=46560&amp;home_educationNav= 3376 &amp;home_educationNav= ">http://www.pde.state.pa.us/home_education/cwp/view.asp?a=150&amp;Q=46560&amp;home_educationNav= 3376 &amp;home_educationNav= </a></li> <li>○ A student may successfully complete the GED test and receive the Commonwealth Secondary Diploma. Information is here:<br/><a href="http://www.able.state.pa.us/able/cwp/view.asp?a=5&amp;Q=39791&amp;g=176&amp;ableNav=%7C2620%7C2786%7C&amp;ableNav=%7C2766%7C&amp;ableNav=%7C2759%7C">http://www.able.state.pa.us/able/cwp/view.asp?a=5&amp;Q=39791&amp;g=176&amp;ableNav=%7C2620%7C2786%7C&amp;ableNav=%7C2766%7C&amp;ableNav=%7C2759%7C</a></li> <li>○ <b>A student may successfully complete 1 year or 30 semester hours of college level courses (HACC courses numbered 100 or above) 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> Call 717.787.6747 to begin the Commonwealth Secondary Diploma process.</b></li> <li>○ Although not a high school diploma, for PHEAA grant and loan purposes, a student may request the Superintendent of his or her school district of residence to sign a PHEAA form or a letter on school district letterhead indicating the student has completed the requirements in the home education law for graduation per 24 P.S. Sec. 13-1327.1(d).</li> </ul> |
| PA GED recipients               | <p>Instructions for requesting a GED transcript are found at:<br/><a href="http://www.able.state.pa.us/able/cwp/view.asp?a=5&amp;Q=39791&amp;g=176&amp;ableNav= 2620 #copy">http://www.able.state.pa.us/able/cwp/view.asp?a=5&amp;Q=39791&amp;g=176&amp;ableNav= 2620 #copy</a></p> <p>Or call the PA Department of Education at: 717-783-6788</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

| Education                         | Documentation                                                                                                           |
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| 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

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One HACC Dr  
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2) **Campus Admission Office**

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| <b>HACC Harrisburg Campus</b><br>Admissions Office<br>One HACC Dr<br>Harrisburg PA 17110               | <b>HACC Gettysburg Campus</b><br>Admissions Office<br>731 Old Harrisburg Road<br>Gettysburg, PA 17325 |
| <b>HACC Lancaster Campus</b><br>Admissions Office<br>1641 Old Philadelphia Pike<br>Lancaster, PA 17602 | <b>HACC York Campus</b><br>Admissions Office<br>2010 Pennsylvania Avenue<br>York, PA 17404            |

3) **Or to applicant. If documents are sent to applicant, documents must remain sealed until opened by a HACC official.**

If you have questions, email Karen Lum at [KDLUM@HACC.EDU](mailto:KDLUM@HACC.EDU)

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