

Frequently Asked Transfer Questions

What transfer resources are available at HACC?

Transfer advising, printed transfer resources, and Internet access to college related websites are available in the transfer center. Transfer checksheets and Transfer Data Sheets, available on our website, give detailed transfer information. College fairs and college visits provide access to 4-year college reps on HACC's campus.

When do I start looking for a transfer school?

The transfer process requires advanced planning and should be started as soon as you know you want to transfer. Inform your advisor, visit the transfer center to familiarize yourself with their resources and services, and meet with the 4-year college representatives when they are on campus. (See ***Events*** on the Transfer Services web pages.) Early planning is your key to success!

Do I need an associate's degree to transfer?

You can transfer without an associate's degree but associate degreed students are more competitive transfer applicants. Completing an associate's degree at HACC is the most affordable first half of a bachelor's degree.

How many credits does it take to transfer?

Most colleges require 12-30 transferable credits to be considered a transfer student. With less than the number of required credits (which varies among institutions), it may be necessary to provide your high school information (i.e., grades, SAT scores), which will be included in the acceptance decision. Generally, the more college credits you have, the more the acceptance decision is based on your college GPA.

How do I know if I'm taking the right courses?

HACC has entered into formal agreements (Articulation Agreements and Dual Admission Agreements) with many 4-year institutions to make the transfer process easier for you. We also share transfer information with these colleges and universities so that you can be assured of efficient and effective transfer of your courses. Transfer checksheets (available on HACC's website) give detailed transfer information that helps you and your advisor select courses to prepare you for transfer to the 4-year institution. Each HACC campus has a transfer counselor(s) to work with you when there is not a checksheet for the 4-year institution.

Is there a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) to transfer?

The minimum GPA required to be eligible for transfer to a 4-year institution varies. At most schools the minimum GPA is 2.0; however some programs require a higher minimum GPA. As the number of applicants to a school increases, so do the GPA requirements. You should check with your transferring institution's requirements. The higher your GPA, the more competitive you will be for acceptance at the school of your choice.

How far in advance do I need to apply to transfer?

You should apply approximately 9 months before you wish to be accepted. Be sure to follow the application deadlines for the colleges to which you are applying.

Does my HACC GPA transfer?

While your ***credits*** transfer to meet requirements at the 4-year institution, your GPA always starts fresh.

Where do HACC credits transfer?

HACC credits are very transferrable due to our accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (www.msche.org). Although a HACC course may be equivalent to a course at the 4-year institution, it may not be required for a particular bachelor's degree program. You should work closely with your advisor/transfer counselor and the 4-year program director before taking a course to be sure its credit will be applied to the graduation requirements of your intended major at the 4-year institution.