



Finally **YOURS.**

New Student Orientation - The Next
Step in Making HACC YOURS

Congratulations on your decision to pursue learning opportunities at HACC! We are proudly YOURS. We look forward to meeting you at an upcoming orientation, where you will:

1. Learn about HACC resources, including financial aid, tutoring and academic advising
2. Meet the people who will help you on your path to success
3. Connect with other students just like you
4. Schedule your classes

Orientation is an important step in your education at HACC, so please be sure to attend your scheduled session. If you haven't yet scheduled, please call any campus Welcome Center at 800-ABC-HACC as soon as possible. If you are taking classes online and unable to attend an in-person orientation, please access the online orientation by contacting virtual@hacc.edu.



The Path to **YOUR** First Day at **HACC**

Check off the steps as you complete them.

- ☐ File your FAFSA at fafsa.gov
- ☒ Schedule placement test
- ☒ Take placement test
- ☐ Schedule orientation session or access online orientation
- ☐ Set up your Hawkmail
- ☐ Explore HACC's more than 150 programs
- ☐ Attend orientation in person or online
- ☐ After registering for classes at orientation, obtain parking pass and student ID
- ☐ Purchase textbooks
- ☐ Attend your first class



Preparing for **YOUR** Orientation

HACC

Founded
in 1964



CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE®



Use the following information to prepare for orientation. Take some time to consider the following:

- 1.** HACC offers programs that allow you to enter the workforce upon graduation with a degree, certificate or diploma. Or, you can transfer the credits you earn at HACC to a four-year college or university. Even if you aren't sure which option is right for you, you can find more information and explore programs within your areas of interest at hacc.edu/ProgramsandCourses.
- 2.** If you are interested in transferring to a four-year college or university after you graduate from HACC, do you know which one? If so, be sure to inform your advisor, as this information will determine which classes you should take. You'll want to check out the options at hacc.edu/Students/TransferringfromHACC.
- 3.** Take some time to think about how you will balance your life and school demands. The completion of an associate degree requires at least 60 credits. Each three-credit class will require:
 - Three hours of in-class time per week
 - At least two hours outside of class per weekPart-time students generally register for six credits. Full-time students register for 12 or more.
- 4.** Do you have computer skills? If so, you're off to a good start! If not, be sure to visit one of the many computer boot camp sessions offered by HACC to help you develop the skills you will need to be successful. Watch your Hawkmail for more details!



Important Terms to Know at HACC

D2L/Brightspace = HACC's learning management system

Online courses use this platform, and some on-campus courses use it for course enhancement

FAFSA = Free Application for Student Aid

Students should complete this form at fafsa.gov as soon as possible!

HawkMail = HACC's email system

You will receive important information from HACC in your HawkMail. Check it daily!

MyHACC = HACC's online portal

Access information about life at HACC, including financial aid and registration

NSO = New Student Orientation

Learn everything you need to know about getting started at HACC



My Orientation Details

Date: _____

Time: _____

Location: _____

Placement Exam Retests

If you're thinking about taking HACC's placement exam again, we recommend reviewing some of the concepts from the placement exam first. We recommend the following:

- Brush up on writing skills with HACC's free "Writing Boot Camp" course on iTunes U
- Visit accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students for practice exams and helpful tips

Financially YOURS.

If you haven't filed your FAFSA yet, do so at fafsa.gov. Remember that many options for financing are available, but it is important to understand the responsibilities associated with each option. For more information, please call your campus financial aid office at 800-ABC-HACC.

Tips for Orientation

- Arrive 10 minutes early
- Allow extra time for parking (no parking pass is required for orientation)
- Bring your driver's license, license plate number and vehicle registration information to obtain a HACC parking pass for the semester

Students enrolled in HACC classes through their high schools are not required to attend orientation.

If you are unable to attend the orientation at a HACC campus, you can complete the orientation online. Contact virtual@hacc.edu for more details.

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