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Newsletter from Trustee **Dr. Reagan Flowers**

District IV



Dear Neighbors,

Houston Community College is ready to provide the best in academic and workforce training for students starting or continuing their education. HCC continues to adapt to meet the needs of our students in a rapidly changing society, from improving building infrastructure to expanding our program offerings. We strive to be the very best in education and workforce development.

As we progress out of the COVID-19 pandemic, I hope you will recognize that HCC is increasing its community presence. Whether it is hosting Town Halls, attending community fairs, or

engaging with high school students, you will see HCC connecting with residents within the community. Houston Community College is here to serve the needs of all, and we welcome the input of the community.

Expanded workforce training, community learning classes for personal development and lifelong learning for those over 55 years of age are critically important in our community. HCC has dozens of workforce programs that help students get a jumpstart in their careers, no matter their age. Classes are offered both for credit and noncredit. Our Level 1 Certificates help students improve their professional credentials after just a single semester.

Enrollment is always open!

HCC understands that life for our students and their families is always changing and evolving. We pride ourselves on being flexible to meet the needs of our students and we show that through our many enrollment options. We have courses that begin on various dates and last for different lengths of time. Here are important registration dates remaining for the spring semester:

- **2nd 8-week** (8-week courses) March 20
- **3rd and 4th 4-week** (4-week courses) March 20, and April 17

So, why not take advantage of the more than 300 programs HCC offers or recommend HCC to students you may know? There are more ways to learn now than ever before—and enrolling is easy by visiting hccs.edu. You can also call 713.718.2000 or email us at student.info@hccs.edu to get started.

See you soon at Houston Community College!

Respectfully,

Reagan Flowers, Ph.D.
HCC Board of Trustees
District IV

HCC approved to launch bachelor's degree programs in 2023

Houston Community College (HCC) has been approved as a Level 2 baccalaureate granting institution, beginning with four-year degrees in Artificial Intelligence & Robotics and Healthcare Management.

The announcement was made by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Board of Trustees at its 2022 Annual Meeting Atlanta, Ga., recently. SACSCOC is the accrediting organization for HCC and other colleges and universities across 14 states in the southern United States.

HCC will launch its new bachelor's degree programs in fall 2023.

The Bachelor of Applied Technology in **Artificial Intelligence and Robotics** will address a growing and critical need for skilled workers in a rapidly evolving technical field. Over the last decade, Artificial Intelligence (AI) has gained a substantial foothold in a variety of industries. The

National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence (2021) recognizes AI as "already ubiquitous in everyday life" and that "application of AI techniques to solve problems is...turning once-fantastical ideas into realities across a range of disciplines."

Graduates of this program will enter a profession with 2,586 annual job openings in our region and a median annual salary of \$97,200.

The Bachelor of Applied Science in **Healthcare Management** will prepare students for career advancement or entry-level healthcare managerial positions. The degree program enables working professionals to advance their career by focusing on leadership skills, knowledge, and credentials in the healthcare management field.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics cites Medical and Health Services Managers as a growing occupational field based on increased demand for healthcare services as the baby-boom population ages.

As medical service needs increase, the need for managers "who organize and manage medical information and healthcare staff" will also increase.

Graduates of this program will enter a profession with 1,752 annual job openings in the Houston region and a median annual salary of \$64,200.

"We are continually exploring ways to provide relevant programs and instruction that serve the needs of students and employers in our service area," said HCC Chancellor Cesar Maldonado, Ph.D., P.E. "With these two inaugural bachelor's degree programs, we give students an opportunity to start and complete their four-year education on the same HCC campus."



The cost of a dream? Scholarships and financial aid help many students pay for college

Houston Community College's highly experienced financial aid outreach representatives are experts in providing support to students to make applying for financial aid easy and straightforward.

Aid is available to help eligible, part-time and full-time students pay their tuition. Representatives can provide useful information on how to combine scholarships, grants, loans and work-study support.

"Our team is here to help every step of the way," said Boni Jacobs, director of Financial Aid. "We value our interactions with students and empower each applicant to pursue all available financial aid possible."

Since HCC has multiple start dates, financial aid applications are accepted throughout the year.

For more details, visit hccs.edu/finaid

The college also has a series of videos available online, 24/7, to help answer questions and to give applicants a start at hccs.financialaidtv.com



Affordable HCC degrees transfer seamlessly to four-year universities

Earning an Associate Degree at HCC not only provides graduates a path toward skills needed in today's job landscape at far less tuition costs, but can also lead to a seamless transfer to a bevy of great universities.

Students who choose HCC for their first two years of college save dramatically over the cost of completing two years at other area colleges and universities. The cost per semester at HCC for Texas residents is about \$1,500 per semester or \$6,000 for two years without financial aid.

The cost for Texas residents to attend Texas universities ranges from about \$3,500 to \$8,000 for a semester (as much \$32,000 for two years).

HCC has more than 300 transfer plans with 65 universities in eight major areas of study, including Business, Education, Science and Technology, Engineering, Health Sciences, Public Service, Industry and Manufacturing, and Art and Design.

"What's more, HCC students are in great demand at our partner universities," said Dr. Norma Perez, HCC's vice chancellor of instruction. "Transfer universities report that HCC students perform very well, which means many encourage transfers by offering various scholarship and grant opportunities."

An HCC team of professionals is also available every step of the way to help students enroll and to apply for financial aid.

Learn more and compare costs at hccs.edu/apply

Online College makes higher education possible for working adults

For many people in Houston, physically going to a location to take a college class is out of the question.

Thankfully, HCC's online programs provide the flexibility that allows busy people to complete their education without being physically present or putting their lives on hold.

"Our online programs are the answer for many students who have earned degrees or credentials to move them ahead in life and the workplace," said Christy Cervantes, director of Distance Education. "I would highly encourage anyone to get started and do it now."

HCC has more than 60 fully online programs and 70 hybrid programs to serve such students. "We offer thousands of online courses in more than 80 academic and workforce subjects," Cervantes said. "There is something for just about every interest or major."

In addition, comprehensive tutoring services are available free of charge to help students stay on track with their coursework and understand assignments while improving study skills. IT support technicians are available seven days a week, as well.

What are you waiting for? Learn more about online college at hccs.edu/online

Start your path to success

In five easy steps, you'll be on your way to enrolling in Houston Community College:

1. Complete your admissions application.
2. Complete your financial aid application.
3. Review your checklist for immunizations, placement testing, compliance forms, onboarding and pre-enrollment.
4. Send in your high school or college transcripts.
5. Select your classes and enroll for in-person, online or hybrid courses.

Help is available to students on campus and online, including an Enrollment Checklist that can find at:

hccs.edu/apply

DEGREE HIGHLIGHTS

#1

in Awarding Associate Degrees to International students among U.S. 2-year institutions

#4

in Awarding Associate Degrees to Asian students among Texas institutions

#5

in Awarding Associate Degrees Nationally to Black/African American students

#4

in Awarding Associate Degrees to Hispanic students among Texas 2-year institutions

#12

in Awarding Associate Degrees Nationally

TOP WORKFORCE MAJORS BY ENROLLMENT DURING FALL 2022

Business Management	612
Comp Systems Networking	462
Accounting	449
Digital Communication	344
Digital Communication I	326
Real Estate	302
Welding-Structural	283
Automotive Technician	266
Nursing	261
Interior Design	253
Computer Prog-Applications Dev	239
Real Estate-Residential	204
Business Technology	193
Fashion Design	180
Child Development	175

STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED FINANCIAL AID

20,052

Count of students who received aid for Fall 2022, as of 1/10/2023

STUDENT ENROLLED



66,515
online



59,601
in-campus



6,415
hybrid
(in-campus & online)