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# Real World Education



## Message from Trustee **Dr. Reagan Flowers**

## District IV



Dear Neighbors,

Are you ready for Real-World Education? Houston Community College can help you can achieve your academic and workforce training goals with options to fit every lifestyle. You can take classes online, on campus, or both for a safe, flexible and affordable college experience. With 18 campuses throughout the Houston metro area, and an Online College, there will always be a place for you at HCC. Our goal is to bring you the very best in education and workforce development.

### Interim Chancellor

As we enter a new academic year, we acknowledge Chancellor Cesar Maldonado, Ph.D., P.E., and thank him for his nine years of leadership at HCC, positively impacting student success and the community at large. Dr. Margaret Ford Fisher will assume the duties of Interim Chancellor, effective September 1. Dr. Ford Fisher, currently President of HCC Online College, has an extensive background in higher education, including 38 years at HCC in various leadership roles. As Interim Chancellor, she will provide executive leadership as the HCC governing board conducts a permanent Chancellor search. We are confident that we are in good hands as HCC transitions into the next phase in the life of the college.

### Fall 2023 Start Dates

At HCC we pride ourselves on being flexible to meet the needs of our students, this is why we offer many enrollment options. Our courses begin at various times throughout the semester and enrollment is always open! Here are important dates for the upcoming fall semester:

- **Aug. 21:** Classes begin for 4-Week, 8-Week and Regular 16-Week courses.
- **Sept. 18:** Classes begin for 2nd Start and 2nd 4-Week courses.
- **Oct. 16:** Classes begin for 2nd 8-Week courses.

### New Opportunities at HCC Coleman College

HCC Coleman College for Health Sciences continues to open doors for Houstonians in the high demand healthcare industry. Learn about some exciting new offerings and share the news.

- **First Bachelor's Degree Program:** HCC Coleman College now offers the Bachelor of Applied Science in Healthcare Management. The 100% online degree will allow individuals who already hold an associate of applied science in a health science field to earn a bachelor's degree with the affordable HCC tuition. Learn more at [hccs.edu/Healthcare-BAS](https://hccs.edu/Healthcare-BAS).
- **Evening and Weekend Only LVN Option:** HCC Coleman College also offers an evening and weekend-only option for its Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) program. Weekend and evening LVN classes allow individuals to work during the weekdays and attend college in the evenings and on Saturdays. The LVN is the fastest path to becoming a nursing professional. Learn more at [hccs.edu/LVN](https://hccs.edu/LVN).

- **Dwyer Scholar Program for CNA:** Under the Dwyer Scholar program, students with high potential can now earn a Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) certificate from HCC free of charge and become members of the medical workforce in less than seven weeks. This opportunity is a result of a two-year partnership between HCC and Dwyer Workforce Development. Learn more at [hccs.edu/ApprenticeshipHub](https://hccs.edu/ApprenticeshipHub).

### HCC Honors College

The Honors College is the perfect environment for talented students looking for an academic challenge and a rewarding experience. The Honors College offers a challenging array of courses and seminars. Honors College students have exclusive transfer opportunities to more than 30 colleges and universities in Texas and across the country. There is also the opportunity to travel outside the United States. I encourage you to apply. The Honors College is offered at these locations:

- **Central College:** 713.718.6336
- **Northline Campus:** 713.718.2452
- **Spring Branch Campus:** 713.718.5653
- **Stafford Campus:** 713.718.5675
- **Eastside Campus:** 713.718.6859

Now is the perfect time to take the next step to connect with HCC. Enrollment is always open. To get started, visit [hccs.edu](https://hccs.edu), call 713.718.2000, or email [student.info@hccs.edu](mailto:student.info@hccs.edu) to get started.

The Board of Trustees, administration, faculty and staff are strongly committed to your success. We look forward to seeing you 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

HCC launches bachelor's degree programs in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Robotics and in Healthcare Management in the fall semester.

The four -year programs are the college system's first bachelor's degrees.

Approval for the programs was granted by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, the accrediting organization for HCC and other colleges and universities across 14 states in the southern U.S.

The Bachelor of Applied Technology in AI and robotics is aimed at helping address a growing and critical need for skilled workers in a rapidly evolving technical field. AI has gained a foothold in a variety of industries, and graduates enter a profession with about 2,600 annual job openings in the Houston region. Such roles typically pay a median annual salary of \$97,200.

The Bachelor of Applied Science in healthcare management prepares students for career advancement or entry-level healthcare managerial positions. It enables working professionals to advance their careers by focusing on leadership skills, knowledge and healthcare management.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics cites Medical and Health Services Managers as a growing field based on increased demand for healthcare services as "baby boomers" retire. Graduates of this program will enter a profession with 1,752 annual job openings in the Houston region with a median annual salary of \$64,200.

Learn more about the programs at [hccs.edu/bat](https://hccs.edu/bat)



## Seniors 50 and older can enjoy community learning at little or no cost

The HCC Community Learning Program offers a variety of workshops and learning series for seniors (50 and older), at low or no cost.

"The programs allow seniors opportunities to learn new skills, build on proficiencies or explore new interests," said Latrice Rideout, the Community Learning Program's director.

Courses include areas such as:

- Personal development and enrichment
- Health and wellness
- Computer skills and digital literacy
- Career and job search skills
- Spanish language
- Recreation programs
- Consumer awareness education

"We are proud of the expertise our faculty bring to the classroom or in online courses," said Rideout. "Whether seniors are changing careers or updating their skills, the Community Education programs help citizens who want to take advantage of our courses to achieve their goals."

Those interested in classes can sign up online at: [hccs.edu/community-learning](https://hccs.edu/community-learning)

## Become a Certified Nursing Assistant, tuition free

The HCC Community Learning Program at Houston Community College (HCC) and Dwyer Workforce Development have teamed up to train new Clinical Nursing Assistants for the region.

Under the Dwyer Scholar Apprenticeship program, up to 500 apprentices can attend HCC for free annually to earn CNA certificates.

The innovative program also aligns HCC and the State of Texas' commitment to achieving specific, measurable outcomes by serving more students, awarding credentials of value and developing the highly skilled workers that employers need.

Dwyer Workforce Development is a Maryland-based non-profit. It recently

acquired 64 skilled nursing facilities in Texas, including a half-dozen in Houston and southeast Texas, and is converting them into nonprofits.

According to Texas Health Data, 349,000 nurses will be needed through 2032 but only 292,000 will be available. The apprenticeship program will help create a workforce pipeline to close that gap.

During the year-long apprenticeships, students receive advanced education, competitive wages, health benefits, and hands-on experience while working towards their licenses.

Learn more about the program at [hccs.edu/apprenticeship-form](https://hccs.edu/apprenticeship-form)



## High schoolers earn associate degrees at HCC through dual-credit program

HCC provides area high school students the opportunity to earn college credit and high school credit concurrently while students are still in high school. What's more, the classes are free.

Just this spring alone, hundreds of area high school students graduated from their schools while simultaneously earning an HCC associate degree.

The program is open to students who demonstrate college readiness through a State of Texas approved college-placement test can earn dual credit by taking approved college classes offered at high schools, HCC campuses, or online.

Such classes are taught by educators who mirror the profile of traditional college instructors using the same course rigor and classroom expectations.

HCC is partner of choice for offering dual credit to the Houston Independent School District (ISD); Spring Branch ISD, Stafford Municipal School District, Katy ISD, Alief ISD, Fort Bend ISD, as well as some private schools and charter schools.

The students begin their dual credit journey as freshmen and sophomores, focusing on workforce certificates or degrees in subjects such as computer programming, health information technology, histology, medical scribing and multidisciplinary studies.

The HCC Board of Trustees has waived tuition and fees for dual credit students for students living within taxing districts.

Learn more at [hccs.edu/dualcredit](https://hccs.edu/dualcredit)



## HCC registration fairs held at most campuses on Aug. 12 & 19

HCC's Fall 2023 Registration Fairs will take place on August 12 and 19 at nine different campuses.

Campuses will be open from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Locations include these campuses:

- Alief Hayes | 2811 Hayes Road, Houston
- Central College | 1300 Holman Street, Houston
- Eastside | 6815 Rustic Street, Houston
- Katy | 22910 Colonial Parkway
- Northline | 8001 Fulton Street, Houston
- South | 1990 Airport Blvd, Houston
- Spring Branch | 1010 W. Sam Houston Pkwy
- Stafford | 10041 Cash Rd, Stafford
- West Loop | 5601 West Loop South
- Online College (Virtual)
- Virtual Lobby (support from District & Colleges)

Fairs provide opportunities for students to complete class registration and be ready to begin their studies when classes begin August 21.

### 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 10 WORKFORCE DEGREE PROGRAMS BY ENROLLMENT DURING FALL 2022

Business Management	743
Accounting	529
Comp Systems Networking	467
Business Technology	348
Digital Communication	668
Real Estate	298
Welding-Structural	278
Automotive Technician	266
Nursing	261
Interior Design	258

### STUDENT ENROLLMENT FOR 2021-2022

**81,184**

Hispanic / Latino	Black / African-American	White	Asian	Other
<b>41.12%</b>	<b>26.63%</b>	<b>12.89%</b>	<b>12.27%</b>	<b>7.09%</b>

### DEGREES & AWARDS OFFERED

<b>95</b> Associate of Applied Science	<b>2</b> Bachelor of Arts	<b>3</b> Enhanced Skills Certificates
<b>22</b> Associate of Arts	<b>102</b> Certificate Level 1	<b>2</b> Advanced Technical Certificates
	<b>43</b> Certificate Level 2	<b>11</b> Occupational Skills Certificates