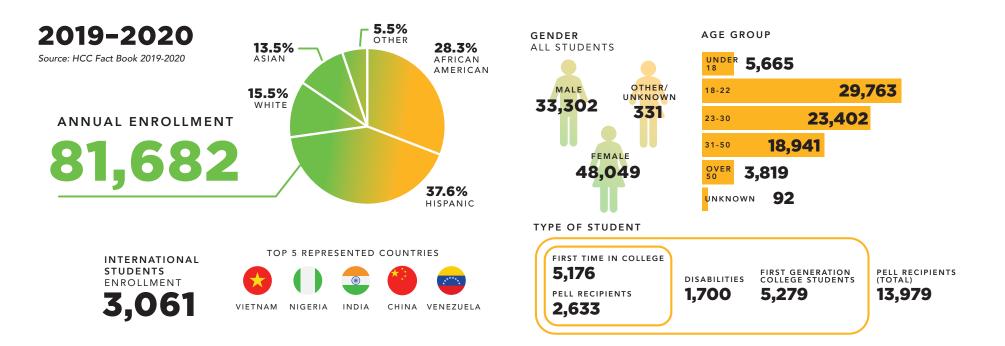


HCC at a Glance











Dear Neighbors,

The need for higher education and career advancement never stops. And, it's a little known secret that Houston Community College offers the most affordable tuition of any higher education institution in the region. With more than 100 programs of study in

academics, business, cyber security, automotive repair, culinary and performing arts, health sciences and more, HCC has what you need to obtain an associate degree, prerequisites for transfer to a four-year university or workforce training.

Despite the effects of an ongoing pandemic, HCC continues to build enrollment through dual-credit academic programs for high school students, expanding workforce training, community learning classes for personal development and lifelong learning for those over 55.

Importantly, HCC offers several options for obtaining computers and internet access.

- Discounts are available on the purchase of computers from leading manufacturers
- Free use of software from leading companies such as Microsoft and Adobe.
- Wi-Fi is available at all HCC campuses and outdoor venues, including college parking lots.
- Professional technical support is also available to assist you in your journey.

So what are you waiting for? Visit hccs.edu or call 713.718.2000 today to learn more.

HCC is here for you!

Sincerely,

Adriana Tamez, Ed.D. HCC Board of Trustees District III

For more information about enrolling or applying, please visit: *hccs.edu/apply*

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News from **District III**

Interior Design Program Ranked among the State's Best

EdReformer, a company that creates online resources for college students, has listed HCC Central's Interior Design program as second best in Texas.

College programs were evaluated on the basis of cost, employment, salary and accredited programs offered by each college.

The list consists of the top ten Interior Design Schools. Texas is a US state that offers a wide number of colleges and universities to choose from. As both residential and commercial spaces are developing, graduates have no difficulty in finding good jobs. These jobs also pay very well.

The list of the 10 Best Interior Design Schools in Texas include (in order of ranking): El Paso Community College, Houston Community College, El Centro College (Dallas), St. Philip's College (San Antonio), Collin County

Community College District, Lone Star College System, San Jacinto College, Texas State University,Blinn College, and The University of Texas at Austin.

The latest edition of the rankings by EdReformer consists of colleges that offer a hands-on approach to studies. The students will gain immense knowledge and practical information and implementation of the useful skills as per the industry standards.

For more information, visit hccs.edu/interiordesign



HCC Fashion Programs Opens Pathway to Creative Careers

An open house event in December celebrated the award-winning HCC Fashion Design and Merchandising program.

Attendees showed off fashion projects and described how the program allows experimentation with lines, colors, fabrics, patterns, textures and styles in the creation of fashion designs. Students produce projects in simulated real-life situations while applying critical thinking and creative problem solving skills

The program offers both an associate's degree and a variety of certificates. To learn more, visit

For more information, visit hccs.edu/fashiondesign





Unemployed? Earning Low Wages? Want to Go to College? New Grant Gives Adult Learners Full Array of Higher-Ed Help

Getting a grant to pay college tuition is always great, but for many adult learners, it takes a full assortment of on-going support and services to become a college graduate.

That is why HCC Central is now an official Educational Opportunity Center (EOC). The college received a grant of \$272,753 last August to help 1,000 adults over the next five years find their paths to higher education.

"The EOC project provides specific options to better serve the changing needs of our unique adult student population,"

says Dr. Muddassir Siddiqi, president of HCC Central.

The grant, awarded by the U. S. Department of Education, gives unemployed workers, low-wage earners, returning high school and college students, disabled and first-generation students, homeless and other disconnected individuals the funding and all-around support needed to enter and be successful in the higher-educational environment.

Among the comprehensive services offered through HCC's EOC include academic and personal counseling, tutoring and mentoring, career workshops, information on postsecondary education opportunities, student financial assistance, and help in completing applications for college admissions.

EOC programs began in 1972 as part of a set of federal educational opportunity outreach programs popularly known as "TRIO." These programs give a broad range of adult learners – including limited English proficient students and those from groups that are traditionally underrepresented in postsecondary education – the direct help they need to succeed in higher education.

HCC is among the 139 Educational Opportunity Centers in the U.S. which currently serve more than 192,000 adult learners.

To find out more about HCC's Educational Opportunity Center, please contact Dr. LaTonya Brown at 713.718.6330 or via email at hcc.trioeoc@hccs.edu