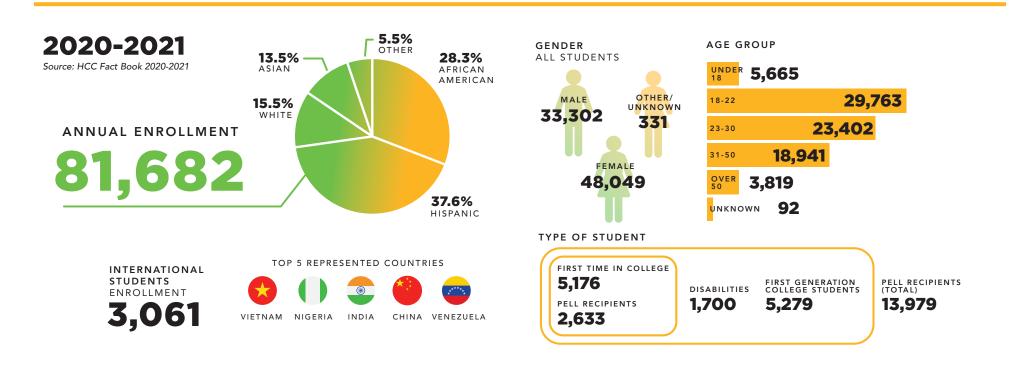


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HCC at a Glance



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

in Awarding Associates Degrees to International students among 2-year institutions







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



NUMBER OF DEGREES AWARDED



5,690 CERTIFICATE 1 1,079

OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS ACHIEVEMENTS 247

CERTIFICATE 2

176

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY CERTIFICATE

25

22

ENHANCED SKILLS CERTIFICATE

FALL 2020 STUDENTS TRANSFERRED TO 4-YEAR SCHOOLS



UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS



Dear Neighbors,

The need for higher education and career advancement in our region continues. While the ongoing pandemic has been a tough time for all, HCC continues to provide courses and programs that prepare students for in-demand and well-paying jobs.

HCC has been nimble and flexible and our instructors have adjusted to online and hybrid courses to keep students enrolled and studying toward the completion of certificates and degrees to lead to new careers and advancement. In good times and lean times, the college consistently puts student needs first.

HCC is a trusted and reliable community partner in all things education, including academic transfer courses, and workforce training programs—through affordable, accessible in-person and online instruction. Our college system has also strengthened its collaboration with small businesses and other downstream employer partners, many of whom are ready to add to their workforce as soon as they can.

We are also striving to build our enrollment through dualcredit academic programs for high school students, expanded workforce training in diverse fields, community learning classes for personal development and lifelong learning for those over 55. And, to respond to such times as these, we have been more nimble than ever before, offering online and hybrid courses to keep students moving towards the completion of their studies and the start of new careers.

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.

HCC is here for you!

Sincerely,

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

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

News from **District IV**

Coleman College Endoscopy Technician Program Ranks as One of a Kind

HCC's Coleman College of Health Sciences is making a difference as a member of the Texas Medical Center by offering training to students seeking roles as endoscopy technicians, a much-in-demand occupation.

Technicians are a vital part of medical teams, providing assistance to gastroenterologists and nurses with endoscopy-related procedures that include equipment set up, collecting specimens with proper labeling and handling and help running equipment during procedures.

The HCC program is the only certificationaward program for endoscopy technicians in Texas and just the third of its kind in the nation. Its curriculum spans 12 months three full semesters. Students study topics such as anatomy and physiology, medical terminology and techniques, among others. Participants also attend clinical rotations. When awarded certification, graduates are ready to join medical teams in a role that has a median income of about \$45,000 annually.

Prospective students

must first apply to attend HCC and then complete a separate application for the program. A complete background check with drug screening is required.

For more information

Dental Hygiene Student Returns to HCC for Second Wave of Success

Spring 2022

Briana Medina Luna, is a second-year student in the HCC Coleman College for Health Sciences Dental Hygiene program and working hard to succeed.

Born and raised in Ecuador, Luna moved to the U.S. after graduating from high school for better opportunities. The youngest of six siblings, she is the first in her family to go to college.

"My family has sacrificed so much for me to be here, and the whole point of completing this degree is to support my mom and my family back home," Luna says

With the help of financial aid, Luna was able to apply and gain acceptance into the Dental Assisting program. Since graduating in 2018 and working as a dental assistant, she decided to return to Coleman to enter the Dental Hygiene program, hoping to advance her career.

View online:

hccs.edu/trustees

For more information about the program, visit hccs.edu/dentalhygiene



visit hccs.edu/endoscopy



In the beginning, Luna started attending HCC to learn English. She took classes while working various jobs to make ends meet. It was then when she realized HCC was her steppingstone to something bigger. "The faculty here did such a great job teaching me that I wanted to pursue something further with the same institution. I chose HCC because of the quality of the programs," she said.

Earn an HCC plumbing certificate

The HCC plumbing certificate program equips students with the knowledge of systems used in plumbing homes, offices, factories and more.

Students train in techniques for installing and repairing fixtures, pipes, valves, drains and associated devices. Attendees also receive training in the safe use of hand and power tools while mastering skills like cutting,

joining and testing of plastic pipes, copper tubing and steel pipes.

Salaries can vary, but the average median pay for plumbers in May 2020 was more than \$56,000, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

For more information about HCC plumbing certificate courses, visit *hccs.edu/ce*

