

## International Frequently asked questions

### **1. How to apply to Hudson County Community College?**

- Go online [www.hccc.edu/apply](http://www.hccc.edu/apply) or visit our Office of Enrollment Services located at 70 Sip Avenue 1<sup>st</sup> floor Jersey City, NJ 07306 (201) 360-4128/4136.

### **2. What if my visa is denied, can I re-apply?**

- Yes, you may re-apply but also make a note of what documents may have been missing that your Embassy Consulate requested from you.

### **3. Can I apply on a B1/B2 visa?**

- You may apply as long as your visa is valid. However, please be advised that we do not assist in the Change of Status process, we only issue an acceptance letter and Form I-20 once all required documents are received by the posted application deadline.

### **4. Does my Sponsor have to live in the United States?**

- No, your sponsor does not have to live in the United States, however it is more favorable if you show ties from your home country. You may also have multiple sponsors and each sponsor has to provide the proper funds based on the major that you choose and proof of income.

### **5. Do I need a Sponsor if I can sponsor myself?**

- No, you don't as long as you submit the proper financial documentation stating that you have enough funds to support yourself.

### **6. Can I bring my spouse or children to the US with me and can they enroll in college as well?**

- As long as you are able to submit the additional funds, your dependents may join you in the U.S. And F2 visa holders (high school graduate) are allowed to enroll on a part-time basis only

### **7. Do you have a dormitory?**

- At this time we do not. You must have established housing before you are accepted.

### **8. What is your tuition for International students?**

- For tuition rates please go to [www.hccc.edu/tuition](http://www.hccc.edu/tuition)

### **9. Are photocopies of documents acceptable?**

- Yes, except official transcripts and documents that require to be notarized

### **10. Programs offered**

- Visit [www.hccc.edu](http://www.hccc.edu)

**11. Are scholarships/loans available?**

- Not for freshman F1 students, However, once you are enrolled, you may apply for a scholarship based on a merit basis.

**12. Do I have to be a full-time student every semester?**

- Yes, you must enroll in a minimum of 12 credits which is **(3 to 4 classes)** with the exception of Summer (unless your major is Culinary or Nursing) or if you are enrolled in your final semester and need only a couple of courses to complete your degree requirements you do not have to enroll full-time.

**13. Can I study ESL courses or Certificate Program only?**

- Yes, you may enroll in our ESL Program and if you choose another major you may have to take our CPT test and register for ESL courses before completing your degree requirements.

**14. Do I have to attend orientation?**

- Yes, attendance is mandatory, tips on how to maintain your status and updated immigration information is provided.

**15. What if I do not complete my program at the time stated on my I-20 expiration date?**

- You may request for an extension

**16. Can I transfer if I fell out of status at my previous school?**

- No, we do not accept terminated I-20's and you would have to apply for reinstatement with the school that terminated your SEVIS I-20

**17. Can I work off campus?**

- Only during Optional Practical Training or if you apply for economic hardship

**18. Do you accept TOEFL?**

- Yes, please refer to our Testing Center located at 71 Sip Avenue or [www.hccc.edu/testing](http://www.hccc.edu/testing)

**19. Can I register for online/remote classes?**

- You are allowed to register for (ONE) online or remote class per semester in addition to 9 credits. Summer registration is optional and you may register for as many as allowed.

**20. How can I work legally while still enrolled in school?**

- Once you have exited ESL or Remedial courses and have been maintaining your F1 visa status for one year, you may apply for On-Campus employment. While working on-campus, you are allowed to work up to 20 hours per week during the Spring and Fall semesters and possibly full-time during the Summer.