

Subject: Important Instruction and Student Services Updates and Questions Answered – March 31, 2021
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Greetings, Kelly.

We have received a number of questions from students regarding our summer and fall 2021 plans. We value your input and are committed to communicating transparently about the decision-making process.

Following recommendations from the COVID-19 Task Force, the initial fall schedule was built in early March with the intent to make fall 2021 a semester of transition. That plan included:

- Scaling up the number of on-campus classes
- Bringing back limited on-campus student services by appointment
- Continuing to offer a range of course options for students
- Developing [course options](#) such as on campus/remote and on campus/virtual, knowing that this would ensure a smoother transition back to fully off campus if COVID-19 conditions worsened.

As a result of HACC's reported cases of COVID-19 remaining low, the state's heightened vaccination plan and the announced ease of mitigation restrictions, the College decided to increase the number of approved on-campus classes offered without a remote or virtual component.

- The return of course sections to campus remains grounded in the College's effort to do its part to provide a safe environment for students and employees. Although we can never guarantee safety from COVID-19, our efforts are guided by the social distancing, safety and cleaning protocols still recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Pennsylvania Department of Health.
- The number of classes that can be scheduled on campus will be limited by the space that can be safely utilized given the current social distancing protocols.

Please visit hacc.edu/Fall2021Options for more information.

As you have come to expect, following are the commonly asked questions and our responses to them. Please note that some of these responses are tentative and subject to change.

If you have additional questions and you do not see the answers on the [website](#), please

submit the online form located on the website. Please see the webpage section called “Information for Students.”

We will continue to update you regularly via email and the aforementioned website.

Thank you!

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1. Will HACC nursing faculty and students be participating in the vaccination clinics on the Harrisburg Campus as part of the students’ clinical requirements?

Yes. HACC nursing faculty and HACC nursing students are participating in the vaccination clinics on the Harrisburg Campus. This is a learning experience for the students and part of their clinical experience.

2. I am confused. I heard that I have to complete an online form to be recognized in Commencement. Can you provide more information?

HACC’s spring 2021 virtual Commencement ceremony will be held on May 13, 2021. Like ceremonies that occur at the Giant Center, graduates will be recognized only if they indicate that they plan to attend the virtual event.

By 11:59 p.m. on April 1, 2021, please complete this online [form](#) to indicate if you plan to attend the virtual celebration.

3. I am graduating this semester. How can my family and friends celebrate my accomplishments?

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation! Please encourage your supporters to complete this online [form](#) with their congratulatory messages by April 4.

4. Why did the dates for registration change?

HACC is expanding our course instruction options this fall, including on-campus classes. Because we are transitioning back to our campuses, additional planning will help to ensure the safety of our students and employees. While we can never guarantee safety from COVID-19, we will continue doing our part to help prevent the spread. Please visit hacc.edu/Fall2021Options for more information.

5. What will be the cleaning process for the classrooms for the fall 2021 semester?

The facilities team has developed a multi-layered cleaning process for classrooms, specialized labs, offices, restrooms and common areas.

- Cleaning to remove germs and dirt is completed each day in all general classrooms, laboratories, restrooms and common areas. This includes, but is not limited to, dusting, vacuuming, washing and emptying trash.
- Disinfecting routinely with [EPA-approved disinfecting products](#) for the high-touch areas are completed multiple times throughout the day in between classes to reduce the risk of exposure. This includes, but is not limited to, tables, chairs, door knobs, light switches and teaching spaces.
- Disinfecting with the [electrostatic spray guns](#) is completed several times a week for general classrooms and labs, offices, restrooms and common areas dependent on usage. This is a specialized additive cleaning technology to further minimize risk of exposure.
- Disinfecting with the [Diversey UV-C Moonbeam™3](#) is used several times a week based on demand in specialized labs, trade classrooms, offices, restrooms and common areas. This is an additive cleaning technology to further minimize risk of exposure.

Custodial staff continue to wear appropriate personal protective equipment, practice social distancing and follow proper prevention hygiene, such as washing hands frequently and using alcohol-based hand sanitizer when needed.

6. Will there be space for students to wait between classes in fall 2021?

Yes. For students in on-campus classes, there will be designated common areas in all classroom buildings to wait between classes during the fall 2021 semester following appropriate protocol.

7. Will I lose class availability over the summer since there are not many classes being offered over the summer?

HACC has hundreds of course sections being offered over the summer. Please [search for classes](#) to see what is available during the summer.

If you have specific classes you are concerned about, please [contact your advisor](#).

For more information about summer, please click the “Summer and Fall 2021 Announcements” tab on hacc.edu/Coronavirus.

8. Does the delay in registration push back the due date for tuition?

The tuition due date will remain May 5, 2021. Students will receive more detailed information via HAWKmail regarding payment options and how to get help paying their bill.

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