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Greetings!

Today would have been Commencement for our spring 2020 graduating students. It was a difficult decision to cancel this special event, but it was the right one in light of the seriousness of the global pandemic.

We are celebrating our graduating students all day today on HACC’s social media pages. You can use #HACCproud on social media to join in this online celebration. Thank you for making our graduating students feel appreciated – they deserve it!

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. How do I return my rented textbooks?**

Textbooks rented for the spring 2020 semester are due May 28, 2020. Please note that this is an extension from the original due date.

Campus drop-off dates have been scheduled to make it easy to return your books:

- May 18 from 8 a.m.- noon
- May 21 from 3-7 p.m.

- May 27 from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

For information on these drop-off locations, including maps, please go to [bookstore.hacc.edu](http://bookstore.hacc.edu).

If none of these dates or times work with your schedule, please email [bookstore@hacc.edu](mailto:bookstore@hacc.edu) to make other arrangements to return your rentals. Please include “Rental Return” in the email subject line.

If you have any questions regarding your textbook rentals or wish to purchase your rental, please email [bookstore@hacc.edu](mailto:bookstore@hacc.edu).

If we do not hear from you and your rentals are not returned by May 28, you will be charged the replacement and processing fees that were printed on your sales receipt at the time of purchase.

**2. When will placement testing be available again?**

Math testing can be completed online now. You may access the test via this link:

[https://secure.aleks.com/shiblogon/sso?sso\\_account=0dc1c73&enroll\\_class\\_code=D6AMG-NT4R9](https://secure.aleks.com/shiblogon/sso?sso_account=0dc1c73&enroll_class_code=D6AMG-NT4R9)

**Please note:** If clicking on the hyperlink above does not work, please copy and paste the entire website address into a web browser.

**3. Are current HACC students able to retake the math placement test?**

Yes. Current students may retake the math placement test

**4. Since TEAS deadlines were extended for the fall Nursing Program, will GPA requirements be extended as well to allow spring classes to be counted toward the requirement rather than mid-term GPA?**

Yes. GPA requirements will be extended to count spring classes.

**5. I understand that some students received a document full of tips to help during final exams. Could you please share it with all students?**

To help you get through these difficult and stressful times, Dr. Angela Campbell has created a [HACC Finals Week Tips Flyer](#) and a [HACC Finals Week Tips Video](#) that provide tips on how to reduce test anxiety and stress.

These tips have also been added to the student portal within D2L.

**6. Where can I buy a “HACC Yeah” T-shirt?**

HACC Yeah T-shirts can be ordered online from the [HACC bookstore](#).

**7. How will I find out if I’m exempt from placement testing? How can I schedule a placement test if I need to take one?**

Students in the following categories do not need to take a [placement test](#) and are eligible to enroll in college-level math and English classes.

**Math Exemption Criteria\***

- High School Algebra II grade of B or better
- High School GPA of 3.0 or greater\*\*
- SAT  $\geq$  530
- ACT  $\geq$  21
- GED  $\geq$  175

*\*Scores active for five years; eligible for MATH 100, 103, 104, 111, 113, 114 and 202*

*\*\* High school GPA is valid from half-way through senior year or from the final transcript*

### **English Exemption Criteria\***

- High School GPA of 3.0 or greater\*\*
- SAT Evidence-Based Reading & Writing (ERW) or Critical Reading  $\geq$  480
- PSAT  $\geq$  450
- ACT Reading  $\geq$  18 and ACT English  $\geq$  21
- Transfer in at least 12 credits of college coursework

*\*Scores active for 10 years; eligible for ENGL 101*

*\*\* High school GPA is valid from half-way through senior year or from the final transcript*

Students who do not meet the exemption criteria in math will take the placement test using a link sent to their HAWKmail account for the ALEKS placement test. The admissions team will identify new students in this situation and notify them via email.

Students who do not meet the exemption criteria in English are automatically eligible to enroll in English 003 (reading) AND English 051 (writing) OR English 057 (integrated reading and writing).

Students who do not meet the exemptions also have the option to request a Zoom-proctored placement test to test out of developmental English. Students in this situation can exercise this option to request testing by completing the form [at this link](#) and placement testing staff will follow up.

Placement test exemptions have also been communicated to advisors and other frontline staff to share with new, transfer and continuing students who may need placement tests.

### **8. Where can I get an overview of financial aid?**

Our goal is to eliminate barriers that stop individuals from getting their college education. We're #HACCproud that tuition for a full-time student at HACC is approximately 25% less than the average full-time tuition at nearby four-year institutions.

The video, "[What is Financial Aid?](#)," by PSECU gives an overview of financial aid and the funds included.

PSECU's Financial Education Center at HACC is available for virtual office hours by phone or Zoom. Please contact Jennifer Nicrone, PSECU community manager, at [jnicrone@psecu.com](mailto:jnicrone@psecu.com) to schedule an appointment.

Please **do not** include personal information (such as your bank account number and social security number) in your email.

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