

College 101: Success in CCC and Beyond



First Semester at CCC

- Seek advising to create an academic plan and follow it to graduation.
- Set your goals. Write them down. If you know where you are going, it's easier to get there.
- Form a Dream Team.

Second and Third Semesters at CCC

- Join Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the Honor's Society at HWC.
- When looking into schools for transfer, look up the schools' accreditation. It must be regionally accredited.
- When it comes to picking a major, do what you love!
- Internships often lead to full-time employment. Visit the Career Center to find an internship.
- Campus visits are powerful. You will know immediately if a school is a good fit for you.

Final Semester at CCC

- If you plan on taking 60+ credits at HWC, get a degree.
- Getting an Associate's Degree may put you at Junior status when you transfer.
- There are three types of funding (Need Based, Merit based, and Scholarships). Try for all three.
- If you have your heart set on one school, have a back-up plan.
- When you transfer, cast your net widely. Apply to at least three to five schools. (Safety, Target, and Dream Schools)
- If your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) is Zero, you are eligible for fee waivers in the Transfer Center.
- For Transfer, figure out your deal breakers. (Location, Length of Program, Commute, Night Classes, Online Classes, Amount of Loans Needed)
- Think about whether or not you can take on some debt for school.
- Assume you may someday get a Master's Degree.

Throughout Your Time at CCC and After

- If you don't know something, ask!
- Know your schools' resources.
- Live in the Learning (Tutoring) Center/ Writing Lab at your campus
- If your school has transfer guides, follow them to make sure your classes are transferable.
- Grades equal two things. They equal access to the school of your choice. They also equal money in Scholarships.
- Apply for all scholarships, big and small!
- Be Strategic about picking classes.
- Become BFF with your professors. (=Networking, Letters of Recommendation, Opportunity).
- Challenge yourself academically, personally, and professionally.
- Get involved in activities, clubs, and organizations.
- At your CCC campus and beyond, look up your professors on www.ratemyprofessors.com.