

Subject: Important Instruction and Student Services Updates and Questions Answered – May 5, 2021
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Greetings.

Congratulations on arriving at the end of another semester! You have continued to show flexibility and determination while dealing with the coronavirus pandemic, racial unrest, economic uncertainty and more. Thank you for staying the course. I know it has not been an easy semester, but I hope that it has been a rewarding one for you.

Next week, we will celebrate students who are eligible to graduate in spring and summer 2021. Please join us on May 13 at 6 p.m. for our virtual Commencement ceremony! Details are available at bit.ly/HACCspring21.

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. When do students need to pay tuition for summer 2021 classes?

Tuition for summer classes is **due no later than today, May 5, 2021**. If tuition payment is not received by May 5, 2021, registered students risk having their classes dropped.

If you have not paid your summer tuition, please:

1. Review your current schedule/bill by logging in to your [myHACC account](#).
2. Go to “Registration/Records” and “Student Accounts/Bill Information.”
3. Choose “View Student Invoice and Schedule” from the “Student Accounts/Bill Information” menu on the student tab.
4. Make a payment or sign up for the HACC payment plan by clicking the appropriate link in [myHACC](#).
5. Grant parents or authorized users access to pay tuition and fees online, if necessary, through the payment portal. Please [visit our website](#) for more information.
6. Officially withdraw from the College if you are registered but not planning on attending summer classes.
7. Contact the [Welcome Center](#) if you have any questions regarding your student schedule, bill or tuition due date.

2. I am a student in health careers. Do I have to be vaccinated for COVID-19 in order to participate in clinicals?

HACC does not require students or employees to be vaccinated at this time. Some clinical sites are requiring vaccinations. Please visit hacc.edu/HealthCareersUpdate

3. When will the CARES Act money be distributed to students? I heard that other colleges started giving out this money to their students.

At this time, the College is still awaiting guidance from the U.S. Department of Education regarding student eligibility and the methodology for determining the students with greatest need for distribution of funding from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA). We will communicate with students when further information is known.

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II authorized by the CRRSAA was signed into law on Dec. 27, 2020. The act includes a portion of funding dedicated to students for emergency financial aid grants, similar to the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Act. However, the act amends student eligibility and directs institutions to prioritize the students with greatest need.

HACC received a grant through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund authorized by the CARES Act, signed into law March 27, 2020, that provided for emergency financial aid grants to students. HACC has distributed those monies. Details are available at hacc.edu/caresact.

4. I am graduating this semester. Since we are opening the campuses earlier than expected, why can't we have an in-person Commencement ceremony? I want

my accomplishments to be recognized.

First, congratulations on your upcoming graduation. Earning a HACC degree, certificate or diploma is something to be extremely proud of.

We understand your frustrations. We also wish that we could celebrate graduating students in person. However, the safety of our HACC community remains our top priority. Please tune in to our [virtual celebration](#) on May 13 so that we can recognize you and your remarkable achievements.

5. I think credit scores and reports are so confusing. Do you have any information that can help me understand this important information?

Credit scores have a big impact on your life. Ensuring you understand how these reports and scores work can help you achieve your financial goals like buying a home, leasing a car or paying off debt.

To learn more, please visit <https://bit.ly/PSECUcreditReport>.

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 to schedule an appointment.

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

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