

Admission Requirements for New Students

To be eligible for admission to the College, a new student must:

1. Be 18 years old or have earned a high school diploma or its equivalent; Exceptions to above
 - High school students participating in the Program for Accelerated College Enrollment (PACE) or Early College are subject to admissions requirements as outlined in the PACE section of this catalog.
 - An applicant who is less than 18 years old, and who does not have a high school diploma or its equivalent, must present, prior to admission, the following: Written permission to attend HGTC from the principal of the high school last attended or currently attending. Home-schooled students must have written permission from the state affiliation or local school district; and, Written parental/guardian permission to attend HGTC. Married or legally independent applicants are excluded from this requirement.
2. Submit an admission application, along with the required, non-refundable application fee; applications submitted without payment of the application fee will not be processed.
3. Submit scores from SAT, ACT or college placement test (Placement test scores are required for appropriate course placement).

Applicants who have not taken the SAT or ACT may need to complete the College placement test. The College placement tests in the areas of Reading Comprehension, Writing Skills, Pre-Algebra and Algebra are offered the first time free of charge as a service to applicants. A photo ID must be presented prior to testing. Test scores are available immediately upon completion.

Note: Testing candidates may schedule appointments for any testing service and process their request online by going to the Testing Center web page at www.hgtc.edu/testing, or in their WaveNet account under the Testing Center tab. Once you complete the process and pay necessary fees, if applicable, you will receive a confirmation of your appointment. Please bring your confirmation page and a picture ID with you on appointment day.

Testing candidates requesting accommodations should call the Testing Center in which you registered to arrange accommodations in advance.

An applicant/student may re-test once, after a 24-hour waiting period. After the first re-test, an applicant/student may re-test again only if he/she has completed the required developmental studies course sequence, completed an external remediation program, or one HGTC semester has elapsed since the last test date.

Placement testing is available in alternate formats. To request special accommodations for testing, contact the Director of Student Development on the Conway Campus or the Counselor on the Grand Strand or Georgetown Campus.

There is a five-year time limit on acceptance of placement test scores. Exceptions to the time limit are test scores submitted by applicants who have previously attained bachelor's degrees, associate degrees, college diplomas or applicable college certificates.

4. Submit high school transcript(s). Applicants should request that a final official high school transcript or GED scores be forwarded to the HGTC Admissions Office.

The Admissions Office will consider Multiple Measures for placement and will review high school transcripts/GED Scores during the enrollment process. High School/GED performance will be used by advisors to appropriately place students into courses.

- High School Transcripts – If high school performance resulted in a 2.6 unweighted GPA and a “B” average in English and Math courses, students may be admitted and placed into college level courses.
- GED Scores – If GED College Ready scores are 165 or higher in Reading though Language Arts and Mathematical Reason, students may be admitted and placed into college level courses.

Certain programs of study require additional information for admission to the program.