Admission Requirements for International Students

HGTC welcomes the enrollment of international students who wish to pursue collegiate-level study in the United States. The College provides assistance to international applicants in processing the required documents necessary to secure a student F-1 Visa. Assistance is also available for international students who wish to transfer to Horry Georgetown Technical College from another college or university in the United States.

The following steps are required for international student admission to HGTC:

1. Complete the Admissions Application and pay the non-refundable application fee;

2. Prospective students who do not speak English as their primary language are required to submit proof of English language proficiency. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) requires an internet-based score of 61 or a paper-based score of 500. The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) requires a minimum score of 7.0.

3. Provide copies of current visa and passport documents, including both sides of the I-94 Card;

4. If you have previously attended a college/university outside of the United States, you must submit a professional course-by-course credential evaluation of all international university coursework completed by World Education Services Inc. (WES) or Educational Credtial Evaluators (ECE). Credits from foreign colleges/universities are reviewed by the Registrar's Office.

5. In compliance with U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) requirements, international student applicants are required to provide documentation of financial resources adequate to cover tuition and expenses for the duration of the international applicant's program of study. A Certification of Financial Support form must be submitted for this purpose. Estimated annual expenses will vary and will be based upon current tuition and other appropriate information.

Following admission to HGTC, international applicants will be notified to pay a two-semester tuition deposit. This deposit will be used to pay tuition and fees for the first two semesters of enrollment and is fully refundable if the student elects not to pursue study at the College. SEVIS form I-20 will be prepared when the deposit is paid. Students are also required to file form I-901 and pay the SEVIS fee, using the number assigned on the I-20.

Note: It is the student's responsibility to ensure all required documents are current and maintained in keeping with all applicable laws and regulations.

Admissions Requirement for Readmit Students

Readmit students are students who are interested in returning to HGTC after an absence of 3 or more consecutive semesters. Students may return to continue a prior program of study or return to start a new program of study. To enroll as a readmit student:

1. Complete and return an Application for Readmission along with the required non-refundable application fee. Applications submitted without the fee will not be processed.

Admissions Requirement for Visiting Students

Visiting students are students who are visiting from another primary institution. To be eligible for admission to the College, a visiting student must complete and submit an application for admission, a non-refundable application fee, a completed visiting student form from the primary instution and be verified as lawfully present. Visiting students who have previously completed and submitted an Application for each semester of re-enrollment not occurring within the same twelve month three (3) consecutive semester period. Visiting students may not be permitted to enroll in all requested courses. Courses outside of general education will require department chair approval.