Pursuant to Policy 9.1.15, students are identified according to the following classifications:

I. New Student

   A. First-time: A student entering a curriculum program for the first time at an institution of higher education. First-time students may have completed dual-enrollment course work while attending high school.

   B. Transfer: A student transferring from an institution of higher education.

   C. Dual Enrollment: A student enrolled at HGTC and is also receiving high school credit. These students must follow the State Guidelines for dual enrollment.

   D. Bridge: A student entering the Coastal Carolina University Bridge Program for the first time at HGTC.

   E. DACA: A student entering a curriculum program for the first-time at HGTC and their legal presence in the United States is defined as Deferred Action Childhood Arrival (DACA).

   F. Early Completers: A student graduating from high school mid-academic year.

II. Continuing Student

   A. Continuing – a currently enrolled student continuing in the same program of study.

   B. Continuing Dual Enrollment – A currently enrolled dual enrollment student continuing after the first semester.
C. Continuing Deferred Action Childhood Arrival (DACA) – A currently enrollment DACA student continuing after the first semester.

III. Returning Student

A. Readmit: A student who has not been enrolled in classes at HGTC for three (3) consecutive semesters and is enrolling in the same program of study that they last attended.

B. Internal Transfer: A student who has not been enrollment in classes at HGTC for three (3) consecutive semester and is enrolling in a different program of study that they last attended.

IV. Special Categories

A. Undeclared - A student who enrolls in a course or courses at HGTC without acceptance to a specific curriculum. These students are distinguished from curriculum students in that they:

1. Are interested in attending one or more curriculum courses and have no immediate desire to enroll and graduate from a curriculum program

2. Are restricted to a total of 24 semester hours; and

3. Will not qualify for VA benefits or Financial Aid.

B. Transient – A student taking a course or courses to transfer back to their home institution without acceptance in a specific curriculum. These students are not eligible for VA benefits or Financial Aid. They must have a transient form filled out by their home institution in order to register for a class.