Mission
Houston Community College is an open-admission, public institution of higher education offering a high-quality, affordable education for academic advancement, workforce training, career development, and lifelong learning to prepare individuals in our diverse communities for life and work in a global and technological society.

Vision
Houston Community College will be the most relevant community college in the country.
We will be the opportunity institution for every student we serve – essential to our community’s success.

History
Since 1986, HCC has provided educational opportunities to Spring Branch residents. By 2000, the demand for the community college had grown by so much that HCC purchased the building and property at I-10 and Beltway 8 West now known as the HCC Spring Branch campus. Close to 9,000 students attend this vibrant, diverse college.

Leadership
Dr. Zachary R. Hodges has served as president of HCC Northwest College since 1994. In his 18 years as president, his commitment to partner with diverse stakeholders has leveraged the college as a catalyst for economic and community development in West Houston.
2012 Tuition and Fees

- **In-district tuition and fees** for one semester credit hour are $92.30 or $813.60 for 12 hours.
- **Out-of-district tuition and fees** for one semester credit hour are $164.30 or $1,677.60 for 12 hours.
- **Out-of-state tuition and fees** for one semester credit hour are $306.80 or $1,875.60 for 12 hours.

How does Spring Branch benefit from HCC?

- A collaborative Center for Entrepreneurship that equips start-ups and small businesses with the tools and relationships needed for success in today's challenging economy.
- Joint Admissions with University of Houston provides a clear pathway for students looking to earn their four-year degree.
- Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program at HCC provides a practical business management education that helps you develop the skills needed to grow your company.
- Booming dual credit program in Spring Branch ISD enables students to earn college credit while still in high school at a discounted tuition rate.
- An Early College Program (ECP) where SBISD juniors and seniors take classes on the HCC campus as embedded students.
- Award-winning workforce programs in fields such as Audio Recording and Filmmaking, Drafting, Business Administration, and Logistics and Global Supply Chain Management train students for a career – fast.
- Academic and career and technology faculty members are recognized leaders in their fields of expertise.

HCC’s Top Rankings

- HCC is the #1 Texas community college for placing students in jobs when they graduate.
- HCC is the #1 college in Texas for workforce programs, with 25 recognized as exemplary.
- HCC is #1 in Associate Degree transfers to the University of Houston.
- HCC is #1 for international student enrollment among U.S. community colleges.
- HCC is ranked fifth in the nation in granting Associate Degrees, with 3,285 awarded this year.
- HCC is the sixth largest degree granting college or university in the country.
- HCC offers a wide variety of financial aid options, including grants, loans, work-study programs and scholarships.
- Average class sizes are small, with low student to teacher ratios of 23 to 1.

HCC’s Economic Impact

- HCC contributes roughly $155 million in income to the service area economy annually due to our operations.
- State and local governments and taxpayers receive a 6.6% rate of return on their investments in HCC.
- On average, more than 75% of our students settle in the HCC service area while another 15% remain in Texas. Their skills translate into higher earnings and increased output to your businesses, amounting to $1.7 billion annually.
- $15.8 million would annually be spent by the government in costs on health, medical, crime and welfare if HCC were not here.
- $24.5 million are added annually to the tax revenue of the region from the citizens we educate and from the avoided social costs that result from their increases education.