



PRESS RELEASE

HCC Begins Teacher Preparation Institute January 3

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Tampa – Hillsborough Community College (HCC) will conduct its first session for preparing individuals who are interested in teaching in the K-12 System on January 3, 2005. Along with many of the other community colleges in the state of Florida, HCC will conduct the Educator Preparation Institute (EPI) to help alleviate the shortage of teachers in the K-12 system. The session will run between January 3, and February 19, 2005. The Institute will focus on instruction and classroom management. Students who successfully complete the Institute will receive an Alternative Preparation Certificate, qualified to take the Professional Education Competency Exam and will be further prepared to be a teacher in the K-12 system.

Before Students Enter the Program the Following Items Must be Submitted and an Intake Interview Must be Completed:

1. Fingerprinting
2. Security Clearance Completed by The School District of Hillsborough County
3. Submission of Hillsborough Community College (HCC) Application for Admission

Hillsborough Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, Telephone 404-679-4501) to award associate degrees, diplomas, and certificates. Hillsborough Community College serves more than 45,000 students on campuses in Brandon, Plant City, Ybor City and on Dale Mabry Highway in Tampa. HCC also serves students at learning centers on MacDill Air Force Base and in Ruskin.

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