



Hillsborough Community College Dale Mabry Campus Health Sciences Admissions

ADMISSION CYCLES - DEADLINES

August start/Fall - May 15
January start/Spring - September 15
May start/Summer - January 15

PARAMEDIC PROGRAM APPLICATION CHECKLIST

We appreciate your interest in HCC's limited access Health Sciences Programs. You need a *complete application* packet to be considered for admission. Note that applicants must be at least 18 years old before or by the first day of the Program's start. The checklist below will help you verify and ensure you completed **ALL** the admission requirements before sending your application to Health Sciences Admissions. Use your initials **only** in the sections that apply to the Program or term you are applying. Write N/A in the ones that do not apply to you.

#	ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS	Initial
1	HCC online general admission application: Students who have not attended HCC within the last academic year –three terms or more— must complete a new college admission application. Recent graduates need an active program code. In addition, it is highly <i>recommended</i> that new students complete an HCC Orientation. Click on Orientation . – International students – Access International Students for admission information. Additional admission requirements might be needed.	
2	Paramedic Program application.	
3	\$53 Health Sciences application fee: (Non-refundable fee) – Send a copy of the application's payment receipt or print screen with the application. - Online payment: Access Pay Online Health Sciences Application. No convenience fee applies. \$10 application fee for the second or additional application form for the exact start term.	
4	Official high school transcript or GED scores. - Applicants with an awarded college degree (associate, bachelor, or master, etc.) are not required to submit an official high school transcript. - An official transcript showing degree must be received before or by the program deadline to waive the high school transcript requirement.	
5	Official transcripts for ALL post-secondary education attended. HCC transcript is not required. If your transcripts have been received, you can check your student account [WebAdvisor - under "My documents"] or check with the Admissions Office at any of the HCC campuses. - US college, university, technical institute or center, etc. – All coursework and degrees awarded. - Dual Enrollment – College courses completed at a college or university while in high school. A college/university transcript is required. - Foreign transcripts - High school and post-secondary out-of-country transcripts will require evaluation and translation by an approved service. Access www.naces.org to find an evaluation/translation service. - If HCC has ALL your transcripts, you do not need to resend them. IMPORTANT: It is your responsibility to ensure they are official and are up to date. Click on Transcripts for information on how to submit your transcripts. Requiring transcripts with plenty of time is highly recommended to ensure they are received before the deadline. Late transcripts are not considered.	
6	AP, IB, CLEP, or AICE scores: Tests completed during high school or college, and the student received college credit. - Scores showing successful completion of a prerequisite course must be received before or by the program deadline. - Students must request the scores with plenty of time to be received by the deadline. For example, testing sources could take about 10-14 days to process your request. Scores/grades listed on transcripts from other academic institutions are not considered official.	
7	COMPLETION OF THE EMT PROGRAM. - An official transcript showing successful completion of the EMT Program is required. If the institution where the EMT Program was completed does not provide students with an official transcript, in that case, a diploma/certificate showing successful completion, the hours/duration of the Program will be accepted as proof of completion. However, it must be included with application documents— questions: Email healthsciences@hccfl.edu .	
8	English and Math - Requirement completed through college-level coursework or college placement test scores. Scores are valid for only two years.	
9	Florida EMT license/certification card. – Include a copy of current Florida EMT License, especially those applicants working as EMTs/Firefighters.	
10	Employment verification letter or email from the supervisor or human resources. (Not required if you do not work with a community of interest employer.) – Job offer or hiring letter/emails are not accepted. Students must be hired or working with the community of interest employer before the program deadline. If the student is hired after the deadline, it will not be considered for priority selection based on employment with a community of interest employer.	
11	Other requirements to consider: health requirements for the clinical, background check, and drug test; having a minimum 2.0 prerequisite and overall GPA for admission, but it does not guarantee entry into the Program.	

IMPORTANT ADMISSION DETAILS:

Deadline: Complete application packet will be accepted **no later than 11:59 pm on the deadline date**. Applications **missing** prerequisites or other requirements or documents received **after the deadline will be late, not considered, and the application will be incomplete for admission.**

Submit your application packet(s): Download the application, complete, save it in PDF file format, and send it as an attachment by email to healthsciences@hccfl.edu. Do not send the application page by page or save through Sharepoint. **Remember to use your Hawkmail to send your documents.** No other email is accepted. **The email subject must have your name, student ID, Program, and term applying.** Sending your application by email is the preferred and most efficient method to ensure that your documents are received in a timely manner—no drop-off on campus.

Selection criteria: Admission to Paramedic Program is based on a complete application packet submitted by the program deadline date and the EMT Program grades. The cumulative/overall GPA is used as a tie-breaker. Qualified students will be ranked and selected in order of highest to lowest prerequisite GPA (EMTs). Applicants who work with a community of interest employer must complete **ALL** the admission requirements by the deadline date to qualify for admission due to employment. **Applications will be incomplete if missing transcripts, fee payment, FL EMT license, employment letter, English, and math requirement, received after the deadline.** **Be aware that meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission into the Paramedic Program.**

Communication: **All** communication should come and will only be sent to the student's **HCC Hawkmail**, not Canvas, nor personal email or mail, and it would help to include your HCC student ID. It is highly recommended students monitor their Hawkmail regularly. The admission status notification email will include time-sensitive information; if responses are not received by the deadline given, students will jeopardize the opportunity of admission to the Program.

SIGNATURE

I acknowledge that I have read the information above and submitted all the items under the Admission Requirements section.

SIGNATURE

STUDENT ID

DATE



Office use only:

Fee payment rcvd: _____

Appl. date rcvd: _____

PARAMEDIC PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Fill out this application, and be sure to complete all the requirements before or by the program deadline. Missing requirements will make your application incomplete for admission. Remember to always use your Hawkmail.

PROGRAM ENTRY: When a deadline date falls on a weekend or a holiday, automatically, it is moved to the next business day. Please select the application cycle you want to be considered for admission to the Paramedic Program by checking the appropriate box below.

☐ Fall term (August start) – May 15 deadline

☐ Spring term (January start) – September 15 deadline

☐ Summer term – (May start) – January 15 deadline

GENERAL INFORMATION: Personal information provided below will be used for admission — not your personal information listed in HCC records. ***Required field.**

*Last Name		*First Name		Middle Name	*Student ID #
*Previous name (If any)		*Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)		*HAWKMAIL	
*Address			*City	*State	*Zipcode
*Cell phone		Home phone		Other	

**Applicants must be 18 years old and high school graduates by the first day of the Program's start classes.*

TRANSCRIPTS: List high school or GED, and ALL post-secondary institutions attended, including HCC and out-of-country institution(s).

Name of College/University	Attendance	Degree	Name of College/University	Attendance	Degree

As an applicant, you are responsible for ensuring that official high school transcript, GED scores, and official transcripts from all post-secondary (college, university, vocational, technical, military) are submitted to HCC or Health Sciences Admissions before or by the program deadline. An official college transcript is required if you completed college courses while in high school (dual enrollment). An HCC transcript is not required, but you must mention it above. If HCC has already received your transcripts, you do not need to resend them but ensure that your HCC records have your transcripts up-to-date.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS: Read carefully all the information below.

English and Math: Students must achieve at least a minimum score on a placement test (SAT or ACT scores, PERT scores), or previous college-level coursework. The placement test must have been taken within the **last two years**. TABE test scores are not acceptable for this Program. For authorization to take a placement test, for coursework equivalency, or to determine test score cut-offs, the student must meet with an HCC Academic Advisor at the campus of preference. **If you completed this requirement with a college placement test for the EMT Program, ensure that your scores are still valid.**

Copy of Florida EMT license/certification card: Your Paramedic Program application packet requires a copy of the current Florida EMT license.

- The National Registry Emergency Medical Technician certification card is not considered a replacement for the Florida EMT license/certification.
- A recent EMT graduate or a student who has not taken the NREMT must ensure to start the process to take the test and get the Florida EMT license. If accepted, must provide a copy of the Florida EMT license at the Paramedic Program Orientation or will forfeit the opportunity of a seat in the Program.

Employment verification (community of interest employer only*): Applicants employed by certain local communities of interest (listed below) must submit an official employment letter or email from the immediate healthcare supervisor or human resources as proof of *full-time job as EMTs or EMT/Firefighter*. A letter on an official employer letterhead or an email from a direct supervisor or human resources representative must be received before or by the program deadline for you to be considered for priority selection during the admission process. **IMPORTANT: Hiring letters or emails are *not accepted* as a substitute for the required employment letter/email verification.**

Provide us with the name of your employer, even when it is not a community of interest: _____

***Community of Interest Employers:** Tampa Fire Rescue, Hillsborough County Fire Rescue, Temple Terrace Fire Department, Plant City Fire Rescue, TransCare, American Medical Response (AMR), Americare, and Sun City Rescue Squad.



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PARAMEDIC PROGRAM ORIENTATION

Students will be notified of the scheduled date of the Program Orientation in the admission status notification email. The approximate dates for the orientation are:

- Fall term – scheduled in mid-July (second to the third week)
- Spring term – scheduled for November
- Summer term – scheduled for April

Applicants should not make plans that might interfere with their attendance and participation at the Program Webinar/Orientation. Attendance is **MANDATORY**. Failure to attend the orientation will result in the forfeiture of the seat.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR CLINICAL

Upon acceptance into a limited-access Health Sciences Program, students will be required to complete additional admission requirements for clinical participation. For example, a physical exam certified by a licensed physician, up-to-date immunizations, proof of health insurance, and a CPR certification (Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers). Online CPR courses are not accepted. In addition, CPR certification must follow the American Heart Association guidelines.

HCC does not require the Covid-19 vaccine for students, faculty, or staff; however, most clinical sites require immunizations. Students requesting an exemption to place them in a facility with no vaccine mandates will be considered, but this is extremely difficult as a Covid vaccine mandate is currently required at most medical facilities and hospitals. Also, HCC has limited options for placements, with other educational institutions competing for space at hospitals to provide their students with the required clinical experience. HCC Health Sciences Programs' clinical experiences are crucial to progress and complete a Health Sciences Program.

After the admission status notification emails are sent, the Clinical Liaison Office will provide further information about the health documents required for clinical and instructions on how to complete these requirements.

BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION AND DRUG TEST SCREENING

Upon acceptance into the Paramedic Program, the student must complete a background check/fingerprint. **DO NOT COMPLETE** a background check until a notice of acceptance into the Program has been received. The admission status notification email will include the instructions to complete your fingerprints/background check. The cost of the fingerprints/background check is approximately \$50.00. The applicant is solely responsible for the cost of this background check. Background checks are **ONLY** valid for the term you are applying to. Fingerprints/background checks completed outside HCC, or taken for other HCC programs, will not be accepted for admission, clinical sites, or placed for clinical/practicum.

Please be advised that certain certifying agencies for health science professions require that individuals disclose their prior arrest/conviction records. Some agencies will not permit individuals with previous arrest/conviction records to become certified. Should you have a previous arrest/conviction record, you may wish to contact the certifying agency for your Program of choice to clarify whether your record will affect your certification or licensing eligibility. Some of the charges that affect admission and clinical participation, but are not limited to, are felony charges, pending charges, and disqualifying misdemeanors. You may contact Health Sciences Admissions with your questions at healthsciences@hccfl.edu.

HCC requires all new students to a limited access Health Sciences Program, like the Paramedic Program, to be administered a drug screening. The drug test will be administered **unannounced**. The cost of the drug test is \$38. The drug screening will provide proof that the student is free from the use of any illegal drug and unprescribed controlled substance. **Medical marijuana is not permitted**. Students taking any prescribed, controlled medication must provide documentation, IF requested. A student who fails to complete the required drug screening or the results are positive, will be dismissed from the Program. If interested, the student is eligible to re-apply for the next admission date.

COMMUNICATION

- All communication(s) to and from Health Sciences Admissions will be through **HCC Hawkmall**, not Canvas or personal email.
- **Always include your name and student ID in your emails.**
- It is highly recommended students begin to **regularly check** their HCC Hawkmall after applying. The admission status notification email will include time-sensitive information.
- Students who do not respond by the given deadline in the admission notification will jeopardize and forfeit their seat for the Program.
- If you have questions about admissions **BEFORE** the program deadline, you can email Health Sciences Admissions.
- **AFTER a program deadline, inquiries about the status of an application, documents, transcripts, or admission status will NOT be responded.**

PROGRESS OF APPLICATION = WEBADVISOR

- Evaluation period begins after the program deadline. You should check the Admissions Flyer at the end of the application to understand the admission process.
- When the Health Sciences Admissions team reviews and evaluates students' applications, documents and requirements will appear in the student account -- WebAdvisor – My Documents section.
- Not all documents will show as received until they have been reviewed or evaluated by our team. Some forms or requirements take more time to review and show a "Not Received" in the status column. Students might receive an *automatic* email informing them about a missing document or requirement that is required "ASAP." *If you know that you sent and completed all the admission requirements, it would be best and help to give time for our team to complete their evaluation.* Some documents will show an **"UNDER REVIEW"** message below or beside the document description. Documents will remain with a **"Not Received"** status until our team reviews all students' applications. *Once they finish their assessment of the document(s), the document/requirement status will be updated.*



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REMINDER:

1. Applications missing requirements or requirements received after the program deadline will not be considered for admission, and the application will be incomplete.
2. Meeting the minimum admission requirements does **not guarantee admission** to a limited access Health Sciences Program.
3. Applicants **are encouraged, not required**, to submit their Health Sciences Programs application, fee, and ALL official transcripts at least 30 days in advance.
4. Although screening is not the college's responsibility, the Health Sciences Admissions team will attempt to screen applications for deficiencies. However, the attempt to screen the applications is not guaranteed.
 - It is highly recommended you use the application checklist to ensure the completion of all the requirements. The Health Sciences Admissions team suggests students talk with a friend or family member to assist them and review the checklist and the application documents before sending them.
5. Remember to monitor and always use your HCC Hawkmail for all communication about your application(s).
6. For general information or questions about your application **before** the program deadline, contact Health Sciences Admissions. at healthsciences@hccfl.edu.
7. Deadlines are crucial for admission and during your participation in the Program.
8. No information about a student's admission status, documents, requirements, or GPA will be provided **after** the deadline.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I certify that all statements in this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree that the responsibility of submission, verification of receipt, and documentation of submission of all forms, applications, fees, transcripts, evaluations, and certifications by the designated deadline is mine. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of Hillsborough Community College, as published in the Student's Code of Conduct.

I understand that HCC does not require the Covid-19 vaccine for students, faculty, or staff; however, most clinical sites require immunizations. Students requesting an exemption to place them in a facility with no vaccine mandates will be considered, but this is extremely difficult as a Covid vaccine mandate is currently required at most medical facilities and hospitals. HCC Health Sciences Programs' clinical experiences are crucial to progress and complete a Health Sciences Program.

I also understand that the decision to allow entrance into an HCC program is in no way a guarantee of future employment or licensure. Should I have any questions concerning being licensed, I understand it is my responsibility to contact the **licensing board**.

SIGNATURE _____

STUDENT ID _____

DATE _____

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE OR HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR APPLICATION,
CONTACT THE HEALTH SCIENCES ADMISSIONS OFFICE healthsciences@hccfl.edu.

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CRIMINAL HISTORY INFORMED CONSENT

For acceptance into a Health Sciences program at Hillsborough Community College (HCC) and continuing through enrollment and program completion, you must not have been found guilty, regardless of adjudication, of an offense that would disqualify you from employment in health care or a healthcare setting. If you have unresolved offenses or are on probation, you may be ineligible to be placed in a clinical environment. You must meet all placement standards to participate in Health Sciences programs at HCC, which include requirements mandated by affiliation agreements with clinical sites.

You will submit fingerprints and information about yourself, including your Social Security number, for a Level 2 screening ("Consumer Report"). The results of the background screening will be sent to the HCC Health Sciences Admissions Office. Should you require an exemption from disqualification, you can appeal to the HCC Health Sciences Admissions Office. Not all offenses are disqualifying. If your Consumer Report lists a potentially disqualifying offense, the HCC Health Sciences Admissions Office will contact you for additional documentation or a more in-depth review. Your Health Sciences Licensure Board, where applicable, may or may not allow a graduate from a Health Sciences program who has a disqualifying offense, such as an arrest or conviction, to sit for licensure.

I understand that per the Fair Credit Reporting Act and the Federal Trade Commission, the Level 2 background check described in this Disclosure and Release (informed consent form) is considered to be a Consumer Report. To be eligible as an applicant/student to any HCC Health Sciences program or to continue as a student in a Health Sciences program at HCC, I cannot have a criminal history with a conviction of one or more crimes as outlined in Section 435.03, Florida Statutes.

I understand that effective July 1, 2009, pursuant to Section 456.0635, Florida Statutes, health care boards in Florida or the Department of Health will refuse to issue a license, certificate or registration and will refuse to admit a candidate for examination, as outlined in Section 456.0635, Florida Statutes.

I understand that admission into any HCC Health Sciences program on the basis of the Consumer Report is no guarantee I will be eligible for licensure or future employment. I acknowledge it is my responsibility to contact my Health Sciences Licensure Board to determine criteria based on criminal activity included in my Consumer Report.

I understand that this "Informed Consent" form serves as:

1. A clear and conspicuous disclosure by HCC that a Consumer Report, which includes a Level 2 background check, will be completed on me and will be obtained for admissions purposes into any HCC Health Sciences program and that a consumer reporting agency will provide the report to HCC; and
2. An authorization from me for HCC to procure the Consumer Report, and an agreement that I will pay for the Consumer Report.

I understand that information from the Consumer Report for admission purposes into any HCC Health Sciences program will not be used in violation of any applicable federal or state laws or regulations.

I understand that HCC certifies that before taking adverse action in whole or part based on the Consumer Report for admission purposes into any HCC Health Sciences program, it will provide me a:

1. Copy of the Consumer Report; and
2. Copy of my rights, in the format approved by the Federal Trade Commission, which notice shall be supplied to HCC by the consumer reporting agency.

I understand that as an applicant/student, I will be responsible for notifying the HCC Health Sciences Admissions Office at the Dale Mabry Campus within five (5) working days of any arrests and convictions, regardless of adjudication that occur after the application deadline but before the first day of classes. The Chair of the Admissions and Appeals committee will communicate to me whether or not I will remain eligible to enter the Program and will notify the program manager if I am no longer eligible to enter the Program.

I understand that if I am accepted and/or enrolled in any Health Sciences program at HCC and arrested, on or after the first day of class, of any crimes, I must notify my program manager within five (5) working days of the arrest or conviction or any criminal charges pending against me that occur while I am in the Program.

I understand that my failure to notify the appropriate individuals shall be grounds for denial of admission to or permanent dismissal from an HCC Health Sciences program. Further, HCC may require a Consumer Report to be generated on me at any time while I am enrolled in any HCC Health Sciences program, which will be at no cost to me.

I understand that some clinical affiliates/partners/hospitals/agencies may require that the HCC Health Sciences program share the results of the background check, and I agree that HCC may share my results.

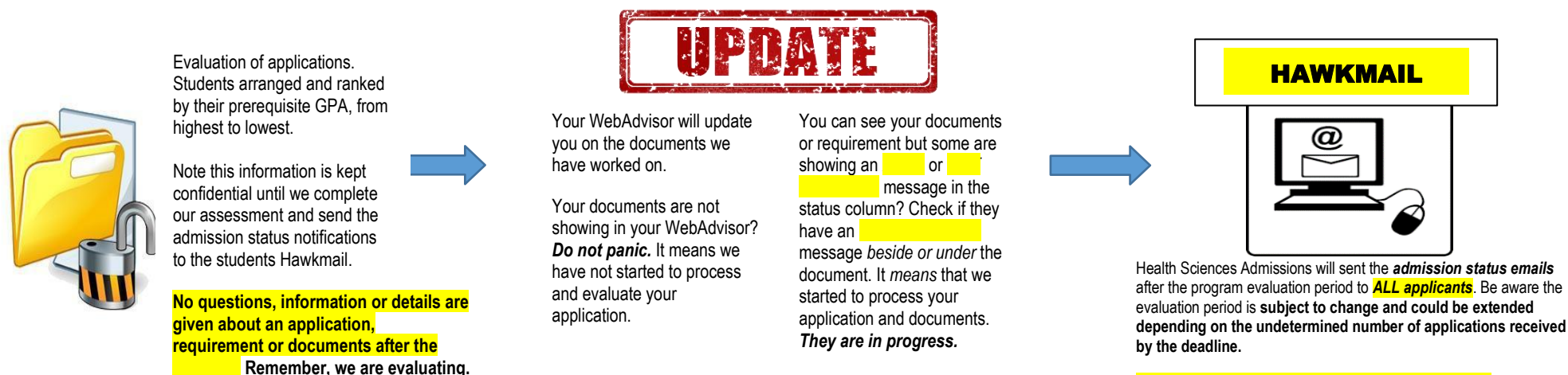
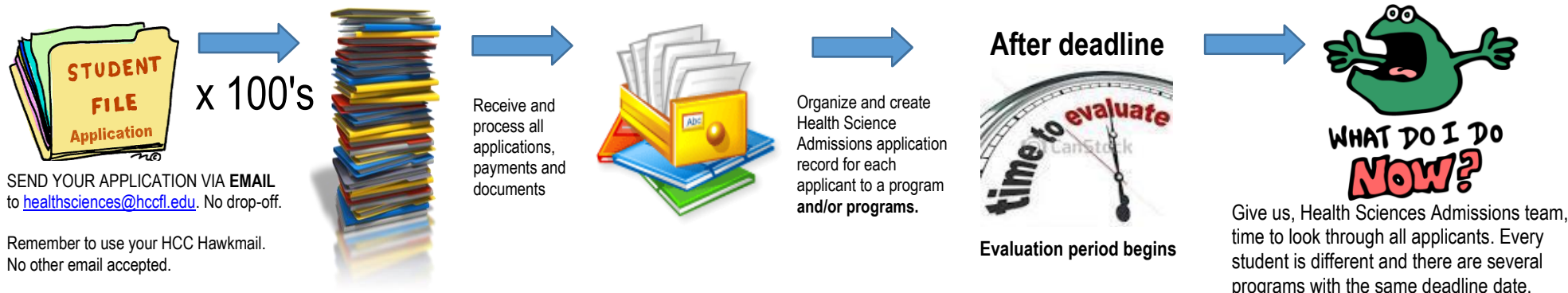
Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Student Name: _____ Student ID #: _____

HCC reserves the right to make changes in the admission criteria and program information, as circumstances require. Original signature copy will be retained in the student's file.

What happens to your Paramedic Program application?

COVID-19 Visit www.hccfl.edu for updates.



- F.Y.I.**
- ALL prerequisite coursework, requirements must be met by the program deadline.
 - Paramedic students are ranked and selected based on the grade(s) of their EMT Program, and completion of all the admission requirements.
 - Minimum overall/cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required to apply and be considered for admission. If your overall is below 2.0, you should meet with an academic advisor for guidance and assistance planning your classes to increase your GPA.
 - Program main campus is Dale Mabry Campus. However, program classes can also be offered at the SouthShore for the fall term and Plant City during the spring term. There are no guarantees. SouthShore and Plant City campus offerings might vary depending on availability and program classes schedule.
 - Meeting all the program requirements does not guarantee admission. Program is highly competitive.
 - Evaluation period: January 15 = 3 to 5 weeks // May 15 = 4 to 6 weeks // September 15 = 3 to 5 weeks after the program deadline.
 - The evaluation period is subject to change depending on the undetermined number of applications received.
 - Admission status notification will ONLY be sent to your **HCC HAWKMAIL**, not Canvas, nor personal email.

- Don't FORGET!**
- Before sending your application review the application checklist. Get help from a family member or a friend to go through the checklist and ensure you meet all the admission requirements. All specific program requirements and needed documents are listed for your review.
- Always use your Hawkmail, your student ID. It helps us at HCC to confirm your identity.** Remember to check frequently your Hawkmail until official admission notification is received. Do you have a problem with your student account, your Hawkmail? You should seek assistance and contact HCC Help Desk.
- Do you have questions about a document or a requirement? You may email us at healthsciences@hccfl.edu **BEFORE THE PROGRAM DEADLINE**. For further assistance, you can meet with an academic advisor. **Be advised that NO information or details are provided after the deadline date.**