DCC Admissions and Financial Aid
A.K.A. How to get in and how to pay for it!

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**DCC AT-A-GLANCE**

- **40+ Degree and Certificate Programs**
- **8,632 Students**
- **34,000 Hours of Service to Non-Profits Provided by Students in 8 Semesters**
- **$2.5 Million in Scholarships Awarded by Foundation in Last 5 Years**
- **68% Graduated with No Student Loan Debt**
- **550 Conklin Scholars for Academic Excellence Since 2003**
- **45,000 Alumni**

**LOCATION**

Located in the scenic Hudson Valley, just a train ride away from New York City!

We’re close enough to New York City for you to see the sights – or visit family – on weekends or holiday breaks. Our location, in Poughkeepsie, NY, is just 10 minutes from the train station, where you’ll be able to board a Metro-North train for a 90-minute ride to New York City’s Grand Central Terminal.
One College, Many Locations!

DCC Poughkeepsie Campus

DCC @ Fishkill (Opening 2021)

DCC @ HV Regional Airport (Opening 2021)
Dutchess Community College

Find your fit

Academic
Over 40 academic programs
(Transfer and Career)

New Opportunities:
Public Health Major
Minor in Honors Studies

Among our faculty, we have…
• a noted archaeologist who conducts digs around the world
• a lawyer who was an FBI agent
• a biologist who conducts cancer research
• award-winning authors, artists, musicians, photojournalists, videographers
• leading engineers and architects
• experienced stage and screen actors.
Follow your path

At Dutchess Community College, you can earn an Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Science (A.S.), or Associate in Applied Science degree, or a career certificate.

If you expect to continue your studies after graduating from DCC, you’ll probably want to enroll in a program that grants an A.S. or A.S. degree.

Those who expect to enter the workforce after completing two years at DCC usually pursue an A.A.S. degree.

For those who wish to improve present job skills or quickly learn a new skill, our certificate programs or microcredentials provide an excellent option.

Microcredentials verify, validate, and attest that specific skills and/or competencies have been achieved. They differ from traditional degrees and certificates in that they are generally offered in shorter or more flexible timespans and tend to be more narrowly focused. Microcredentials can be offered online, in the classroom, or via a hybrid of both.

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Academic Support
Transfer schools attended by recent DCC graduates

TRANSFER for a Bachelor’s

Experience a smooth transition.

You’ll find that with an associate degree from DCC, you’ll be able to continue on to top colleges and universities, both public and private. Our graduates routinely transfer to the selective SUNY schools and to others including Columbia, Cornell, RPI, NYU, Pace, Northeastern, Marist and institutions throughout the country.

As a DCC graduate, you’ll be well-prepared to succeed at your next college. A recent SUNY report comparing how community college students perform at their transfer institutions, found that DCC students are the most successful!
Our DCC graduates are successful...

Patrick, Stephen, Susan, and Mark Adams all graduated from DCC. Adams Fairacre Farms has four locations throughout the Hudson Valley.

Fred Shaeffer is a local attorney and the man who led the group to successfully renovate the old railroad bridge over the Hudson River. Now known as the Walkway over the Hudson, the bridge deck stands 212 feet above the river’s surface and is 6,768 feet (1.28 miles) long, making it the longest, elevated pedestrian bridge in the world.

Kelly Cass is an on-camera meteorologist at The Weather Channel®.

Dana Jones founded Accessadoor, a product that can be attached to automatic push button doors, to allow users to open the door via an app on their phone.
Academic  |  Social  |  Financial
Student Activities
Be a FALCON.

Experience the thrill of victory

Build your teamwork and leadership skills and develop lifelong friendships through the DCC Athletics Program. We’ve had nationally ranked teams; you can be part of creating the next legacy. Or, put on a DCC sweatshirt and cheer from the stands!

Men’s
BASEBALL
BASKETBALL
SOCCER

Women’s
SOFTBALL
BASKETBALL
SOCCER
VOLLEYBALL

LEARN MORE ABOUT ATHLETICS www.dutchessfalcons.com
Arts on Campus

Students and community members alike take advantage of many concerts, plays, exhibits and other events each year.

1 Dance
Students taking dance classes perform for the campus community and public each spring.

2 Visual Arts
Several exhibits are featured in the Mildred I. Washington Art Gallery each academic year, including this show of student work last fall.

3 Music
Students get into costume to perform a Day of the Dead Latin Jazz concert as part of DCC's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration. Many concerts featuring different varieties of music are held on campus each year.

4 Theatre
"Legally Blonde" was presented by students in the Performing Arts program and the Masquers' Guild Theatre Club last fall. Several plays are staged each year.
MOVE Right In!

Student Housing
• All suite-style units

- 465 beds (plus Resident Director apartment)
- Fitness Center and late night dining in Conklin Hall
- Many social activities targeted to residential students
- Free bus transportation to local shopping & Metro-North
- Convenient location
  - Short walk from academic buildings, campus activities, sporting events and student services
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*Based on 2020-2021 tuition fees.
**Technology and activity fees are based on 12 credits and up.
***Other program and service-related fees may apply. See catalog for details.

**Experience quality and value.**

DCC’s tuition is the lowest in New York state, leaving you with more money for your next step – whether it be continuing college or entering the workforce. Plus, our financial aid staff will help you take advantage of any state and federal grants for which you may be eligible, including the full-tuition Excelsior Scholarship. Students also may apply for on-campus jobs.
WHAT IS FAFSA AND FINANCIAL AID?

- **Free Application for Federal Student Aid** - Standard **FREE** form that collects information about the student and the parent. You do not pay to submit the FAFSA.

- **Financial Aid** - Funds provided to students to help pay for educational expenses.
FAFSA

• Information used to calculate the **Expected Family Contribution (EFC)**

  • Measure of **2019** taxable and untaxable income and **current** assets of both student and parent

  • Also based on family size, number in college and other demographic info such as marital status

• Colleges use the **EFC** to determine financial aid eligibility

• For the 2021-2022 academic year, the FAFSA may be completed beginning **October 1, 2020**

• **Re-apply** every year

• The earlier you file, the earlier you may receive your aid offer and the more aid you may be offered

• Most colleges set **FAFSA filing priority dates**

• Admissions process vs. Financial Aid process
WHAT IS THE EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC)?

Measurement of student’s and parent’s ability to pay postsecondary educational expenses

Student contribution

Parent contribution (for dependent students)
SOURCES OF FINANCIAL AID

- Federal Government
- States
- College and Universities
- Private Sources
- Employers
MULTIPLE WAYS TO COMPLETE FAFSA

- FOTW (Desktop)*
- My Student Aid App*
- Paper
- FOTW (Mobile)*

*IRS DRT Can Be Used
FEDERAL STUDENT AID ID
https://fsaid.ed.gov

- The FSA ID is the electronic signature for the FAFSA
- Used by students and parents throughout financial aid process, including subsequent school years
  - FAFSA Corrections
  - FAFSA Renewal
  - Student Loan Promissory Note Signatures
- Only the owner should create an FSA ID
- Each student must have their own FSA ID
- One parent must have their own FSA ID
FSA ID

- Name
- Social Security Number
- Date of Birth
- Email address
  - Not High School Email
  - May only use an email one time
- Mobile Phone Number
  - May only use a mobile number one time
FAFSA ON THE WEB (FOTW)
FAFSA.GOV
https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

Complete the FAFSA® Form

Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.

New to the FAFSA® Process?
Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.

Start Here

Returning User?
Correct info | Add a school

View your Student Aid Report (SAR)

Log In

• Begin with “Start Here”
• Once student record is established you will Log In each time
• Filing the Wrong FASFA year
• Failing to use student’s legal name
• Missing financial aid deadlines
• Transposing digits or inserting extra digits
• Using incorrect Social Security Numbers/Date of Birth
• Submitting wrong parent’s financial information/not including step-parent
• Incorrectly reporting Household size/number of household members in college
• What to include for investment/net worth
WHO IS THE PARENT FOR THE FAFSA?

• Biological or Adoptive Parent(s)
  • If not married BUT living together report BOTH parents

• If parents are divorced:
  • Provide information for the parent you lived with most during the last 12 months
  • If you did not live with 1 parent more than the other, the parent who provided the most financial support during the last 12 months or most recent year you received support

• Include Step-parent information
  • Regardless of any ‘agreements’
IRS DATA RETRIEVAL TOOL (DRT)

- Allows for certain tax return information to be transferred from the IRS database
- Participation is voluntary and student/parent chooses whether to transfer data to FOTW
- IRS will authenticate taxpayer’s identity
- If tax record is found, IRS transfers information to populate the FAFSA
- Reduces documents requested by financial aid office
- Certain tax filers cannot use the DRT
FAFSA PROCESSING RESULTS
SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

- Unusual uncovered medical/dental expenses
- Extraordinary dependent care
- Loss of employment
- Divorce
- Loss of Child Support
- Parent or spouse death
- Loss of employment
CREATING A HESC ACCOUNT: 
OUTLINE

HESCPIN Authentication System - Create an Account

Outline
You must have a HESCPIN account to continue with NYS Student Aid Payment Application.

HESCPIN is New York State Higher Education Services Corporation’s authentication system. It is used to enter secure HESC internet services. When you set up a HESCPIN account, you will create a User ID and a Personal Identification Number (PIN). Your User ID and PIN will be used to sign in to the HESCPIN system and visit secure HESC Internet services.

The following Web pages will walk you through the steps to create a HESCPIN account. Click the “Next” button to start. Click the “Exit” button to leave.

Steps:
1. Accept Terms and Conditions
2. Check Your Identity
3. Enter Account Information
4. Enter Secondary Contact Information (Optional)
5. Create a User ID
6. Create a PIN
CONGRATULATIONS!

NYS Student Aid Payment Application

Congratulations, you have submitted your online application!

HESC will contact you by e-mail when your application has been processed. However, due to the COVID-19 virus public health emergency, the processing of applications may be delayed while we work to resume normal operations.

You can check the status of your application at www.hesc.ny.gov. Since all communication from HESC regarding your online application will be via e-mail, it is important that you keep your e-mail address current in our records. You can update your e-mail address through the HESCPin process at www.hesc.ny.gov and select Student Access at the top of the page.

In some cases, we may need you to provide additional information or we may need to verify information. If this occurs, we will notify you by e-mail requesting the missing information or required verification documents.

To learn about other financial aid programs available to eligible New York State students, visit our Grants, Scholarships, and Awards Quick Reference page.

TAP may be unavailable every Sunday from 1:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Deadline: Submit 2021-2022 TAP Applications by 12:00 a.m. Eastern Time, July 1, 2022.

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