



**WELCOME TO
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 **TACOMA
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**

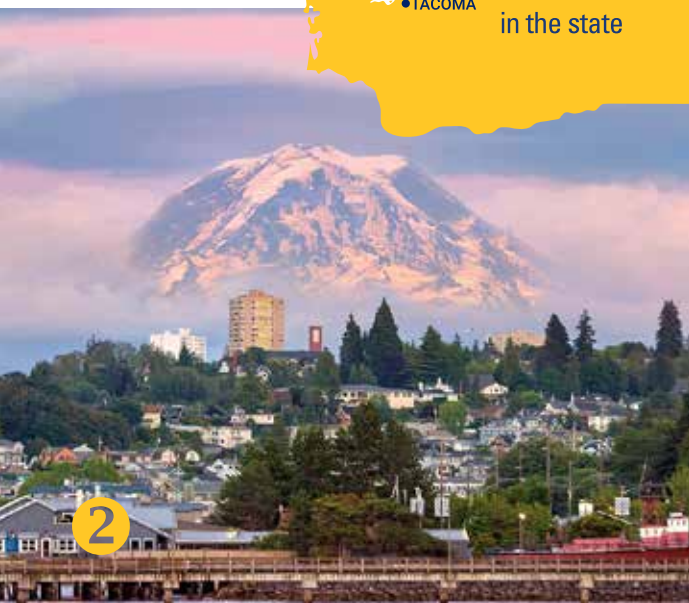


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Tacoma Community College was established in 1965 and currently has an annual enrollment of over 10,000 students, including a good number of international students. The college provides numerous advantages to its students. Applying online is quick, and no test scores are required for admission. TCC maintains low-cost tuition and fees, and also provides some scholarships and on-campus employment opportunities. Students benefit from various free on-campus resources like tutoring, advising, and career guidance. With small class sizes, students can build relationships with their professors. The college is dedicated to not only educating its students, but also providing them with support and assistance throughout their time in the U.S.



LOCATION: Tacoma Community College is located in the scenic Pacific Northwest, with easy access to diverse amenities and attractions. The area is known for its tech industry, major companies like Boeing, Amazon and Microsoft, and business opportunities due to its port activities.



“I think Tacoma is a very safe and easy place to live. Campus is close to many things, like roller skating and bowling, and TCC is a good place to hang out with friends.”

Naomi Farfan Sakihama
Lima, Peru



AFFORDABLE TUITION



**1/4 cost
of a state
university**

Save money with
affordable tuition

\$11,000
approximate cost*

TCC

**Over
\$50,000**
approximate cost*

**Private
Universities**

**Over
\$40,000**
approximate cost*

**University of
Washington**

* 2024-2025 tuition and fees cost
for full-time international student

PROGRAMS



2+2 Bachelor's Degree

After completing two years of college at TCC, earning their Associate's Degree, students transfer to another college or university to complete two more years of study, earning their Bachelor's Degree from that institution (see Transfer Partners section on pg 5). The 2+2 Program offers a more affordable path to a Bachelor's Degree, small class sizes, free tutoring and other resources to support their academic journey.

English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

The EAP program combines English language instruction with academic preparation and skill enhancement. Students undergo a placement test upon arrival to assess their English proficiency level. [Learn more about the program.](#)

Early Admission (High School Completion)

Students aged 16 and above have the opportunity to enroll at Tacoma Community College before graduating from high school in their home country. This early admission allows them to kickstart their Associate degree. Upon fulfilling all degree requirements, students will receive an Associate degree and a U.S. High School Diploma.

Gap Year as a Visiting Student

Interested in studying in the United States? Consider joining Tacoma Community College for a 3, 6, or 9-month period to pursue English language or academic programs.

What do you want to study?

[Visit our interactive program finder](#) to explore your area of study.

Creative Arts, Literature and Communication	Business, Paralegal and Technology	Healthcare	Education, Social and Behavioral Sciences	Science, Engineering and Math
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication English Literature General Studies Music Visual Arts + more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accounting Applied Management (BAS degree) Business Computer Science Entrepreneurship Global Logistics Human Resources Management Marketing Retail Management + more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic Pre-Nursing Radiological Science Respiratory Therapy Sonography + more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anthropology Elementary Education History Human Services (social work) Political Science Psychology Sociology + more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Astronomy Biology Chemistry Engineering (Aeronautical, Bio/Chemical, Civil, Computer, Industrial, Material, Mechanical) Mathematics Physics + more

TRANSFER PARTNERS

Tacoma Community College graduates have been accepted to top universities throughout the U.S including Columbia, University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA), University of Washington and even Yale! We want to make the process of transferring for year three and four of university as smooth as possible, so we partner with the following universities across the U.S. that recognize transfer admission pathways. See [website](#) for complete list of transfer institutions.

- **ARKANSAS:** University of Arkansas
- **CALIFORNIA:** Cal Poly Humboldt, CSU Monterey Bay, CSU Northridge, CSU San Marcos, CSU San Bernardino, San Francisco State University
- **IDAHO:** Lewis-Clark State College
- **IOWA:** University of Iowa
- **OHIO:** University of Cincinnati
- **OREGON:** Portland State University, University of Oregon
- **MONTANA:** University of Montana
- **WASHINGTON:** Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, Gonzaga University, Pacific Lutheran University, Seattle University, Seattle Pacific University, University of Washington Tacoma, Washington State University, Western Washington University, Whitworth University
- **WISCONSIN:** University of Wisconsin La Crosse



“I picked the Univ. of Washington Seattle as my transfer school, because it’s one of the most prestigious universities in Washington. My advisor at TCC helped me with submitting all the necessary documents to UW, which was very helpful.”

Marcus Chan
Mangkok, Hong Kong

HOUSING

TCC Homestay Program

Our affordable Homestay program managed by TCC seeks the best families in Tacoma to host our international students. TCC International Staff will thoroughly vet each family and ensure they live no further than a 60-minute bus-ride or walking commute from campus.

Homestay has two offerings: Complete (with three meals/day) or Shared (no meals included)

Airport pick up during our arrival days is included at no cost with the TCC Homestay Program. [Learn more here.](#)

Local Apartment/House

Students who are 18 and older are eligible to live outside of the Homestay program in a local apartment or house. TCC Staff does not coordinate apartment placement, but there are many options surrounding campus and throughout the city at varying prices. [Learn more.](#)



“A new student who comes to Tacoma should start with Homestay. They can get use to the area, to school and later live by themselves. My host parents are very nice and sweet people.”

Ruoqi Sun
Beijing, China

TCC

GET INVOLVED.

At TCC, we are dedicated to providing comprehensive services to support our students and enhance their study experience.

- **ADVISING:** Our advisors assist students in selecting the right courses to progress towards graduation. They also offer immigration guidance to ensure international students maintain their legal status.



- **ATHLETICS:** Titan Athletics boasts competitive sports teams for both men and women. Men can participate in soccer, basketball, and baseball, while women can engage in soccer, basketball, and volleyball. [Explore more here.](#)

- **EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER PREPARATION:**

Seek on-campus employment while studying at TCC. As graduation approaches, the Career Center is ready to help you create a resume and prepare for job interviews.

- **EXCURSIONS AND EVENTS:** Enjoy a wide range of events, excursions, and engaging activities organized by the Office of Student Engagement and International Programs.
- **STUDENT CLUBS:** TCC hosts clubs catering to a variety of interests. [Discover more here.](#)
- **TUTORING:** Take advantage of our Writing and Tutoring Center for free tutoring and academic support in your classes.



“I had the opportunity to be a peer mentor for international students; my greatest achievement is when I see my mentees go against the grain to achieve their goals. I would encourage other students to find someone to mentor.”

Ruth Nzuki
Nairobi, Kenya





“What I liked about TCC was that the application processing was so fast and everyone was on top of things. I remember inquiring and within one week, I had all the answers I needed.”

Tiffany Sy
San Juan, Philippines

APPLY NOW!

Applying is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

Step 1

COLLECT THE REQUIRED ADMISSION DOCUMENTS

- Passport Copy
- Academic Transcript
- Bank Statement (showing sufficient funds for one year of study)
- Test score is not required for admission but can be submitted for academic placement.
 - IELTS: 5.5
 - TOEFL iBT: 65
 - Duolingo: 90

View all accepted test scores on our website

Step 2

COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION

TCC's **online international application** takes 10 minutes to complete. Get started today!

Step 3

PAY \$50 APPLICATION FEE



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

✉ international@tacomacc.edu

☎ 253-566-5190

Tacoma Community College values diversity and is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Educator. Tacoma Community College provides equal opportunity in education and employment and recognizes its responsibility for investigation, resolution, implementation of corrective measures, and monitoring the educational environment and workplace to stop, remediate, and prevent discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, perceived or actual physical or mental disability, pregnancy, genetic information, gender identity, gender expression, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, creed, religion, veteran or military status, or use of a trained guide dog or service animal. To this end, Tacoma Community College has enacted policies prohibiting discrimination against and harassment of members of these protected classes. Any individual found to be in violation of these policies will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the college or from employment. Prohibited sex discrimination includes sexual harassment (unwelcome sexual conduct of various types). Tacoma Community College provides reasonable accommodations for qualified students, employees, and applicants with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Federal Rehabilitation Act. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies: Stephen Smith, Title II and Title IX, Building 14, 253-566-5055; Kathryn Held, Section 504 Officer, Building 7, kheld@tacomacc.edu.



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