



**WELCOME TO  
#GLOBALTCC**







# WELCOME TO TACOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Tacoma Community College has served over 500,000 students since opening in 1965. International students make up an important part of that student population.

When choosing where to study in the United States, Tacoma Community College, or TCC, offers many great benefits. Our easy online application takes 15 minutes to complete with a two-business day response time. Not to mention, the TOEFL, IELTS, SAT and ACT are NOT required for admissions.

We keep our tuition costs affordable, so more international students can study on our campus. In addition to low tuition, TCC offers many free on-campus resources, such as tutoring, advising, career preparation, a workout facility, ways to get involved and so much more.

When studying in the classroom, we guarantee that students will get to know their professors with our small class sizes. We are excited to not only educate our students, but also serve and support them during their time in the U.S.



**11,000**  
total students

**4,000**  
full-time

**250**  
international  
students

**35+**  
countries  
represented

**30**  
areas of  
study





## LOCATION: TACOMA, WASHINGTON



**“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*

Located 10 minutes from a beach, 30 minutes from the Seattle-Tacoma international airport and 45 minutes from downtown Seattle, Tacoma Community College is beautifully situated in the northwest United States. Students will find ethnically diverse restaurants, local coffee shops, concert venues, golf courses, national and state parks as well as oceanfront all within easy access of Tacoma.

Seattle-Tacoma is known as the second tech-hub of the United States (following Silicon Valley) with companies like Amazon, Microsoft, Starbucks and Boeing headquartered here. Tacoma is also the fifth largest port in the U.S., supporting over 42,000 jobs in the region.

# 2+2 BACHELOR'S DEGREE

**2 years at TCC** (Associate Degree)  
**+ 2 years at college/university**  
**= U.S. Bachelor's Degree**

The 2+2 pathway takes a student no additional time to complete their U.S. Bachelor's degree, but it does come with many benefits. TCC offers small class sizes, affordable tuition, free tutoring and resources and we operate on a quarter system, which means students take fewer classes during any given term. These benefits make the 2+2 pathway a great choice for any student!



**What do you want to study?** Visit our interactive program finder to explore your area of study: [tacomacc.edu/findprogram](https://tacomacc.edu/findprogram)



## Arts and Communication

Communication  
 English Literature  
 General Studies  
 Music  
 Visual Arts  
 +  
 more



## Business

Accounting  
 Applied Management (BAS degree)  
 Business  
 Entrepreneurship  
 Global Logistics  
 Human Resources  
 Management  
 Marketing  
 Retail Management  
 + more



## Health and Wellness

Emergency Medical Technician  
 Paramedic  
 Pre-Nursing  
 Radiological Science  
 Respiratory Therapy  
 Sonography  
 +  
 more



## People and Communities

Anthropology  
 Elementary Education  
 History  
 Human Services (social work)  
 Political Science  
 Psychology  
 Sociology  
 +  
 more



## Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)

Astronomy  
 Biology  
 Chemistry  
 Computer Science  
 Engineering (Aeronautical, Bio/Chemical, Civil, Computer, Industrial, Material, Mechanical)  
 Mathematics  
 Physics + more





### English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

Gain English language instruction alongside academic preparation and skill development through the EAP program. Students take a placement test upon arrival to determine their English language level.

English language levels offered: 5 | Each level takes one quarter or three months to complete

### Early Admission (High School Completion)

High achieving students who are age 16 and above are eligible to enroll at Tacoma Community College before graduating High School in their home country. They gain early admission into the college to begin their Associate degree. Upon completion of all degree requirements, the student will earn an Associate degree AND High School Diploma.

### Study Abroad as a Visiting Student

Looking to study abroad in the United States? Join us at Tacoma Community College for 3, 6 or 9 months to study English or an academic program.

# affordable tuition

**1/3 cost  
of a state  
university**

Save money with  
affordable tuition

**\$9,600**  
approximate cost\*

TCC

**\$27,000**  
approximate cost\*

STATE  
UNIVERSITY

**\$46,000**  
approximate cost\*

TOP 100  
UNIVERSITY

\* 2019-2020 tuition and fees  
cost for full-time student

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# 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 institutions to create guaranteed admission pathways:

**Arizona:** Arizona State University

**Arkansas:** University of Arkansas

**California:** CSU Monterey Bay, CSU Northridge, CSU San Marcos, Humboldt State University, San Francisco State University

**Florida:** Saint Leo University

**Idaho:** Lewis-Clark State College

**Indiana:** Indiana University-Purdue University (IUPUI)

**Iowa:** University of Iowa

**Ohio:** University of Cincinnati

**Oklahoma:** Oklahoma City University



**Oregon:** Oregon State University, Portland State University, University of Oregon

**Montana:** Montana State University, University of Montana

**North Carolina:** University of North Carolina Greensboro

**Washington:** Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, Gonzaga University, Pacific Lutheran University, Seattle University, University of Washington Tacoma, Washington State University, Western Washington University, Whitworth University

**Wisconsin:** University of Wisconsin Stout, 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 in-house Homestay program 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 30-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.

## 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.



**“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 provide services that fully support our students and make for a positive study experience.

**ADVISING:** Academic advisors help students choose the right classes to stay on track for graduation. International advisors also provide immigration advising to ensure all international students stay in-status.

**ATHLETICS:** Titan Athletics has competitive sports teams for men and women. Men's sports include: soccer, basketball, baseball. Women's sports include: soccer, basketball, volleyball.

### **EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER PREPARATION:**

Seek employment on campus during your studies at TCC. When ready to graduate, the Career Center is available to help build a resume and prepare for a job interviews.

**EXCURSIONS AND EVENTS:** Don't miss the many events and excursions offered by the Office of Student Engagement and International Programs. Students can test their skills at downhill skiing with the annual Ski Trip or join a shopping trip to Portland, among other fun activities.

**STUDENT CLUBS:** Find people who share similar interests or explore new interests with TCC's clubs and organizations. Popular clubs include Book Club, Chinese Communication, Dance Club, Engineering Club, Musician Student Union, Soccer Club, Volley-Ballers, and more!

**TUTORING:** Get free tutoring and support through any one of the following resources - Writing and Tutoring Center (WTC), Cooperative Learning Center, Supplemental Instruction (SI), Business Education Center (BEC) and Math Advising Resource Center (MARC).



**"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







“The aspect I enjoy most about this college is that it has given me lots of opportunities for leadership. Here everyone is trying to help you on your way ... they support you.”

Ravil Vanags  
Riga, Latvia





# APPLY NOW!

Applying is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

## COLLECT THE REQUIRED ADMISSION DOCUMENTS

Passport Copy

Academic Transcript

Bank Statement (showing sufficient funds for one year of study)

OPTIONAL: English Proficiency

IELTS: 6.0

TOEFL: 65

PTE: 46

Cambridge: A/O Level passing score in English

SAT: 470 Reading

ACT: 19

Duolingo: 90

View all accepted test scores at  
[tacomacc.edu/internationalstudents](http://tacomacc.edu/internationalstudents)



## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

✉ [international@tacomacc.edu](mailto:international@tacomacc.edu)

☎ 253-566-5190

## COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION

TCC's online international application takes 15 minutes to complete. Get started today!

## GAIN ADMISSION WITHIN TWO-BUSINESS DAYS

We process admission for our new students within two-business days of receiving a completed application.

## PREPARE FOR YOUR F1 STUDENT VISA

Degree-seeking international students at TCC will apply for an F1 student visa in their home country..

## ARRIVE FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

At the start of each quarter, we offer a three-day New International Student Orientation program to orient you to campus, help you enroll in classes and learn important details about your studies. Orientation is a great time to start building new friendships and meet your peers.



**“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*



# MAKE TACOMA YOUR NEXT HOME

## TACOMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### Tacoma Campus

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Tacoma, WA 98466

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