Although a bachelor’s or master’s degree is necessary for teaching, students may enter many of these fields with only an associate’s degree, especially if they have developed a strong portfolio of writing and experience.

**What is the employment outlook?**
Earnings will vary by location, industry, education, and experience. Since so many careers require a solid foundation in communications, the employment outlook for students with English degrees is always good. In 2010, for example, average salaries were as follows:

- Technical writer: $63,280
- Writers and authors: $55,420
- Public relations managers and specialists: $57,550
- Advertising, promotions managers: $83,890
- Marketing managers: $112,800
- Professor: $62,050
- High school teacher: $53,230

(source: [www.bls.gov/ooh.](http://www.bls.gov/ooh.))

**Why should I study English at HCC?**
Students enjoy small class sizes and apply their acquired skills through active discussion as well as a variety of written responses. The English faculty hold master’s and doctoral degrees from prestigious schools and remain current in their fields of study.

While taking core requirements in composition and literature, students choose from a wide variety of electives, thereby engineering a foundation of studies that is perfectly suited to their individual needs. English electives include technical writing, creative writing, ethnic voices, contemporary literature, literature by and about women, Shakespeare, and mythology. The capstone class allows students to work closely with a faculty member to develop a portfolio of writing, reflect on progress, and underscore important subjects from each required class.

Students can also enhance their writing portfolios by contributing to the *Hedge Apple*, the HCC literary magazine. Editorial internships are available with both these publications, and HCC supports internships with various local newspapers and magazines.

HCC students majoring in English or secondary English education are also assigned a full-time English faculty member as an advisor. The advisor not only provides encouragement and support for students, but will help the student make sure they have the necessary credits needed to transfer to a four-year institution or pursue a writing career.

**What are the program options?**
HCC offers students two degree programs in English: the A.A. in English and the A.A.T. in English Education. Both programs provide students with a carefully planned curriculum focused on writing, critical thinking, and literary analysis. The A.A. is designed for students who want to transfer to a four-year degree program or go directly into any field that requires strong communication and critical thinking skills. The A.A.T. is specifically designed for students who want to teach.

**Why do HCC students do so well at transfer schools?**
The A.A. degree in English transfers to four-year colleges and universities as part of a liberal arts degree with numerous free electives, and all credits needed to receive an A.A.T. degree in English education transfer to any school in the state of Maryland.

Many students transfer to Shippensburg or Shepherd Universities, both of which honor articulation agreements with HCC that allow students a seamless transfer of credits. Certain students even qualify for a reduction in tuition costs.

**A.A. Degree**

**Arts and Sciences**

**English Concentration**

This option is designed for those students who are planning to transfer to a four-year degree program with a major in English or related fields.

**General Education Requirements** 31-32 credits

*Arts/Humanities*
Select two courses in different disciplines from approved General Education course list................. 6

*Behavioral/Social Sciences*
Select two courses in different disciplines from approved General Education course list................. 6

*Biological/Physical Science*
Select two courses from approved General Education course list — one must be a laboratory course ..... 7-8

**Select Two Courses in Different Disciplines from Approved General Education Course List**

- Technical writing
- Library science
- Management
“Learning how to communicate effectively through speaking and writing is not exclusive to four-year universities. HCC’s English program fostered my reading and writing skills through its diverse range of classes and the deep wealth of faculty knowledge. Those skills have transferred well to my English classes at the University of Maryland, where I can boldly say I was better prepared than many of my peers.”

- Oliver Bulley
A.A., English, HCC
A.A.T., Secondary English Education, HCC
B.A., English Literature and Language, UMD

A.A.T. Degree
Secondary English Education

The A.A.T. English program is intended for students who wish to teach English in Maryland’s secondary schools. It is the result of a statewide effort by two- and four-year faculty to arrive at the appropriate outcomes for the first two years of secondary English teacher training. The English and general education course provide a sound foundation for the completion of the English major and the education courses ensure informed career choice and real-world knowledge of today’s classrooms. Students must achieve a 2.75 grade point average and pass the PRAXIS I licensure exam to earn this degree.

General Education Requirements 31 credits

Arts/Humanities
Select two courses in different disciplines from approved General Education course list.......... 6

Behavioral/Social Sciences
PSY 101 General Psychology.................... 3
Select another course in a different discipline from approved General Education course list........ 3

Biological/Physical Science
Select two courses from approved General Education course list — one must be a laboratory course ....7-8

Diversity
Select from approved General Education course list .............................................3

English
ENG 101 English Composition .................. 3
ENG 102 Composition and Literature.......... 3

Mathematics
Select one course from approved General Education course list ................................ 3-4

Electives 10 credits

Electives should be selected in consultation with a transfer advisor and the transfer institution. Some recommended courses are listed below:

ENG 112 Technical Writing II .................. (3)
ENG 114 Mythology ............................. (3)
ENG 115 Literature By and About Women .... (3)
ENG 208 Shakespeare ........................... (3)
ENG 209 Creative Writing II .................... (3)
ENG 219 Contemporary Literature ............. (3)

Diversity
Select from approved General Education course list .............................................3

English
ENG 101 English Composition .................. 3
ENG 102 Composition and Literature.......... 3

Mathematics
Select one course from approved General Education course list ................................ 3-4

Program Requirements 19 credits

Recommended Electives 10 credits

Electives should be selected in consultation with a transfer advisor and the transfer institution. Some recommended courses are listed below:

ENG 112 Technical Writing II .................. (3)
ENG 201 The Arts: A Creative Synthesis ....... (3)
SPD 103 Public Speaking ...................... (3)
PSY 203 Educational Psychology ............. (3)

Degree Requirement.................................60

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