Located in the heart of Chicago’s Loop, Harold Washington College serves more than 11,000 students in college credit and continuing education programs.

HWC draws from all neighborhoods of Chicago and is federally designated as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) and Minority Serving Institution (MSI) with a 70 percent Latinx and African American student population.

HWC is committed to equity and social justice. Our staff, faculty, and administration participate in ongoing professional learning experiences, developing more equitable tools to support our college in achieving its mission.

HWC offers an exceptional liberal arts and science curriculum focused on art, biology, social services, architecture, humanities, social and physical sciences, natural sciences, and mathematics. HWC also offers state-of-the science labs and art, dance, and recording studios. As well as a cadaver lab with an observation theatre with video capabilities. HWC is currently the only community college in the city to offer a business degree accessible completely online.

Harold Washington College is City Colleges’ Center of Excellence for Business offering business programs and pathways that allow students to transition to four-year institutions and/or high-demand careers with degrees and certifications in Accounting, Business Economics, Finance, Digital MultiMedia Design, Architecture, Web Development and more.

HWC is a student-centered institution with comprehensive in-person and virtual academic and student support services. Our services include academic advising, tutoring, veteran's services, undocumented student services, and TRIO Student Support Services. Additionally, we provide services to students who may need additional support with challenging life events through the Wellness Center, and those who may need academic accommodation due to a disability.

HWC’s Transfer Center supports students from the start to end of their transfer journey and works closely with four-year public and private colleges and universities to secure admissions and scholarships to students’ dream institutions.

HWC has corporate partnerships with McDonalds, Walgreens, Bank of America, Google, Aon, Year Up Chicago, and Joffrey Ballet.

HWC is the only institution in Illinois that houses the Goldman Sachs’ 10,000 Small Businesses Program, a scholarship program for growth oriented small businesses with an alumni base of over 900 graduates.

HWC offers global, cultural, and experiential learning opportunities.

The college offers many cultural and affinity-based student organizations, including an active Student Government Association.