

# 10 Questions (and Answers!) for Adult Students Who Want to Attend College

**1. I work and I have kids at home.  
How do I fit college into my life?**

Allan Hancock College offers courses in the evening, on the weekends, and on the Internet, which allows for great flexibility for working adults and reentry students.

**2. Will I be the oldest person in class?**

Allan Hancock College students range in age from teenagers to octogenarians. Allan Hancock College is your local *COMMUNITY* College and everyone is welcome. The average age of our students is 27.7. Each year, our most “senior” graduates are typically 60 years or older.

**3. How in the world would I afford college?**

There are a variety of financial aid programs for which you may qualify. Scholarships, work-study, grants, and loans are available. Do not let money be an obstacle to your future plans! We have trained financial aid representatives who can help you with books, tuition, transportation, and living expenses.

**4. I went to college a long time ago.  
Are my credits still valid?**

Working with an academic counselor, you can review your previous coursework, and in many cases all of your coursework can be applied toward your current academic goal.

**5. I never graduated from high school—  
does that stop me from attending Allan Hancock College?**

No. Allan Hancock College welcomes students who have not completed their high school diploma or GED. Allan Hancock College offers free GED preparation courses for students who are interested in completing their GED.



**6. I have young children. Are there childcare options?**

Allan Hancock College has a children's center on the Santa Maria campus, which makes it very convenient for students who plan to attend classes during the day.

**7. After Hancock I want to earn a bachelor's degree, but with my family and work obligations, I can't leave the area. Now what?**

The University Center at Allan Hancock College offers a variety of bachelor's degrees from four-year universities right on the Santa Maria campus and in the community. Many programs are offered at night. Our University Transfer Center can assist you in exploring all of your university options.

**8. I was injured at work. Where do I start for job retraining?**

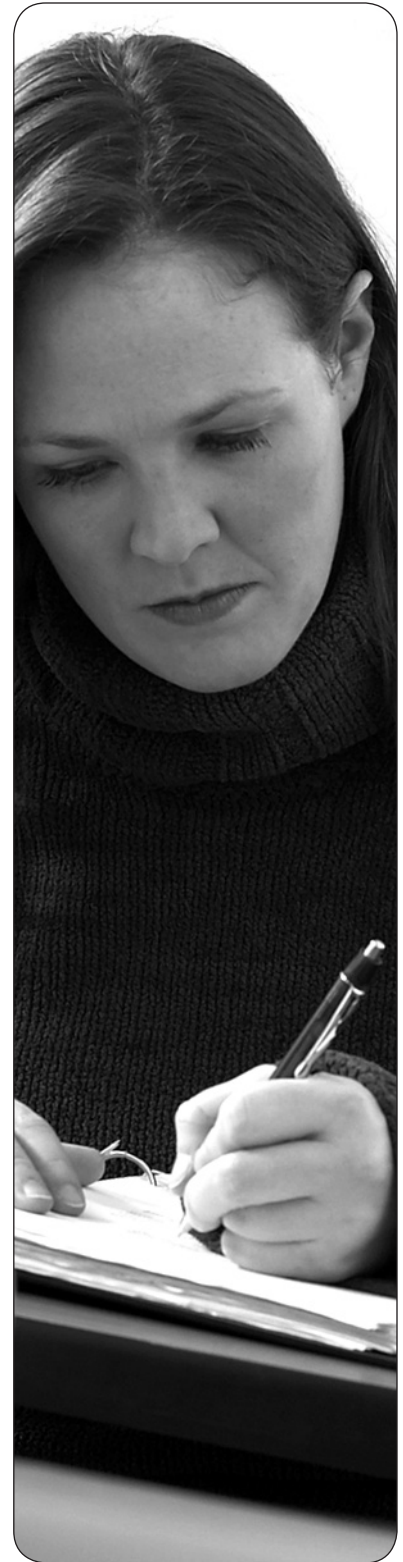
Your first stop is the counseling office. There you will complete a Student Education Plan that outlines your academic goals and provides a timeline for you and your needs.

**9. I was a homemaker and now I am a single mom without the skills I need to get a job. What do I do?**

Meeting with an academic counselor can help clarify your goals and needs to suit your lifestyle. Allan Hancock College offers more than 100 degrees and certificates that can give you an edge in today's competitive job market. We also have Fast Track classes that can get you up and running in just a few days.

**10. I don't have two years to complete a degree. Should I even bother going to college?**

Allan Hancock College offers many certificates of completion that lead to a wide range of possible job opportunities. These certificates can be completed in as little as one semester. Allan Hancock College also offers Business Fast Track certificates and courses that can be completed in just a few weekends.



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