

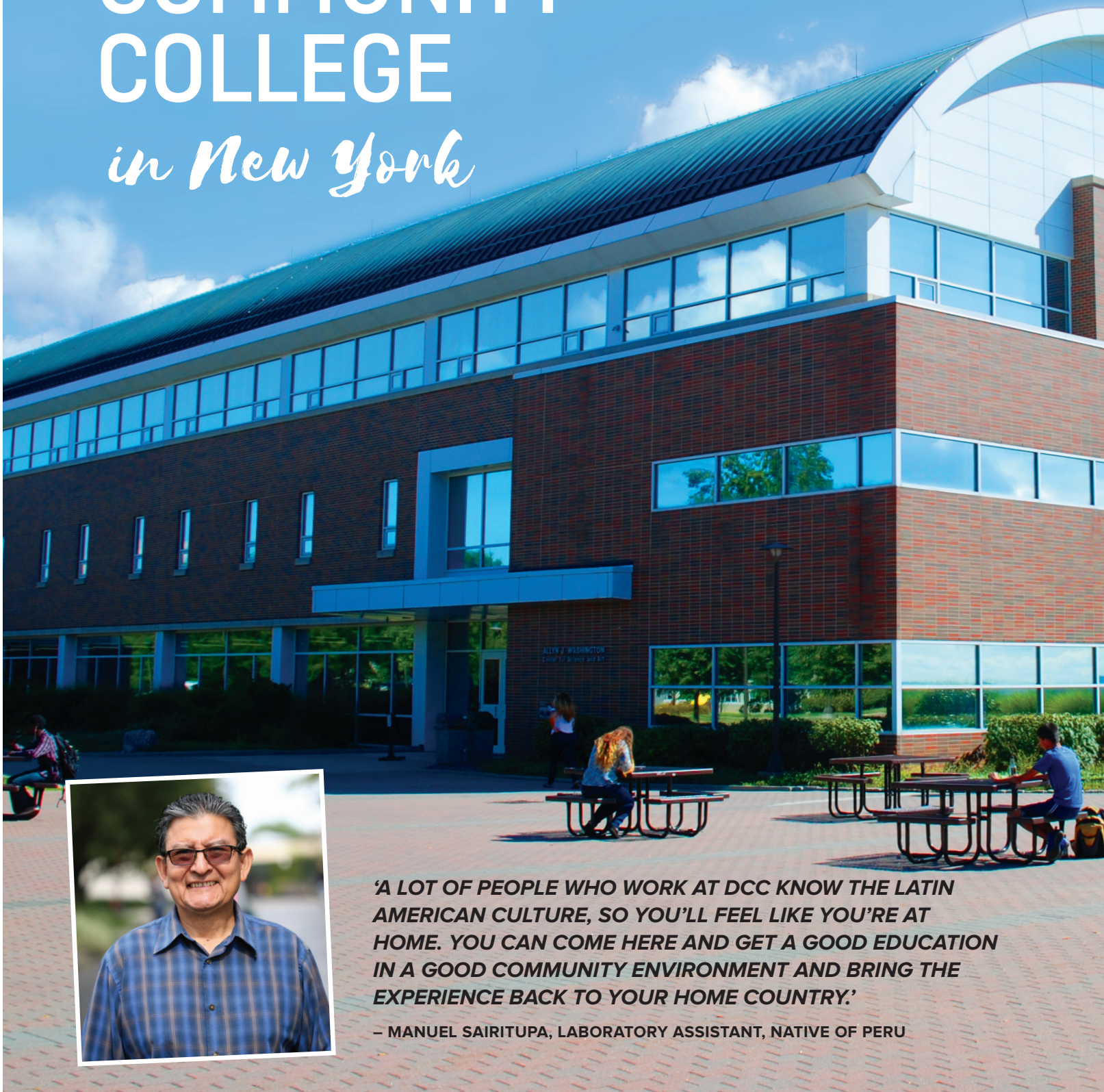
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
Guide



DUTCHESS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

POUGHKEEPSIE • NEW YORK
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Welcome to
**DUTCHESS
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE**
in New York



'A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO WORK AT DCC KNOW THE LATIN AMERICAN CULTURE, SO YOU'LL FEEL LIKE YOU'RE AT HOME. YOU CAN COME HERE AND GET A GOOD EDUCATION IN A GOOD COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND BRING THE EXPERIENCE BACK TO YOUR HOME COUNTRY.'

– MANUEL SAIRITUPA, LABORATORY ASSISTANT, NATIVE OF PERU



LOCATION

Located in the scenic Hudson Valley, just a train ride away from New York City!

We're close enough to New York City for you to see the sights – or visit family – on weekends or holiday breaks. Our location, in Poughkeepsie, NY, is just 10 minutes from the train station, where you'll be able to board a Metro-North train for a 90-minute ride to New York City's Grand Central Terminal.

WELCOMING CAMPUS

Our beautiful campus offers an enriching and welcoming environment for everyone.

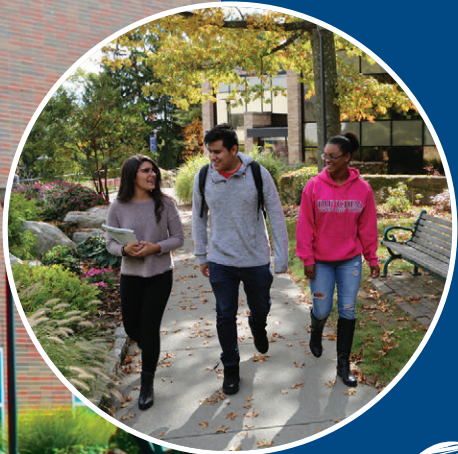
In fact, three out of our last eight Student Government presidents (elected by their peers) were international students! We currently have students from 21 countries studying at DCC, and one out of four students identifies as Hispanic. Of course, our students also enjoy the use of state-of-the-art technology, a comprehensive library, fitness center, free tutoring and other academic support services.



EXCELLENT FACULTY

Nine out of 10 DCC students in a recent survey said they'd choose DCC again!

Our exceptional professors are dedicated to your success; you'll find them interesting in the classroom and friendly and approachable outside of class. You'll make real connections with your faculty, and will find that many of them have family ties to countries including Colombia, Peru and Ecuador (see photo).



LIVE AND LEARN

Life is good in Conklin Hall!

Live in our beautiful on-campus residence hall, located close to classes, activities and dining. As part of our residence hall community, you'll meet new friends from the U.S. and abroad, participate in special events and benefit from all Dutchess Community College has to offer. Your on-campus meal plan will provide a range of dining options and a free bus will make it easy to go off-campus for shopping, movies and other activities. The cost of living in the residence hall and the required meal plan will vary according to which option you choose; the average is \$12,000 USD per year.



AFFORDABLE

The lowest tuition in New York state.

DCC has the lowest tuition in the state of New York and is recognized as one of the best values in higher education. Our current international student tuition is just \$7,728 USD per year (two semesters). Students taking a full load of 30 to 36 credits per year should be able to complete an associate degree program in two years. When considering the cost of any college, be sure to prepare for expenses of at least \$2,000 USD a year to cover college fees, textbooks and personal needs.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS & CERTIFICATES

The College has more than 50 programs from which to choose. Find yours!



A.A. & A.S.

Associate in Arts (A.A.) and Associate in Science (A.S.) programs typically take **two years** to complete and are designed for **students planning to continue their studies**. The majority of our international students choose to stay in the U.S. after graduating, and transfer to colleges or universities for another two years, to earn a bachelor's

A.A.S.

Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) programs also take **two years** to complete but are designed for students interested in going **directly to work after earning a degree**.

CERTIFICATE

Certificate programs typically take **one year or less** to complete and are **designed to prepare you for specific jobs**.

ARCHITECTURE & CONSTRUCTION

- **Architectural Technology: A.A.S.**
Prepare for a career as an architectural technician, draftsman, engineering aide, building materials or manufacturing representative, planning aide
- **Construction Technology Management: A.A.S.**
Find entry-level employment as a construction manager

ART

- **Visual Arts: A.S.**
Transfer to continue studies in drawing, painting, ceramics, photography, graphic design, mixed media

AVIATION

- **Aviation Management: A.S.**
Transfer to continue studies in aviation security, safety, operations, airport management
- **Pilot: A.S.**
Transfer degree for pilots; acquire private and commercial pilot certificates

BUSINESS

- **Accounting: A.A.S.**
Work as a bookkeeper, junior clerk, assistant auditor, cost accounting clerk, assistant office manager
- **Bookkeeping: Certificate**
Find entry-level employment as a bookkeeper
- **Business Administration: A.A.S.**
Get foundational skills for a career in management and/or marketing
- **Business Administration: A.S.**
Transfer to continue studies in accounting, business administration, economics, management, marketing, international business
- **Paralegal: A.A.S.**
Work as a paralegal in a law office, bank, insurance company, government agency or corporation
- **Paralegal: Certificate**
Entry-level position as paralegal

COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA

- **Communications and Media Arts: A.S.**
Transfer to continue studies in mass media, broadcast journalism, video and audio production, visual effects, screenwriting, documentary and narrative film production

COMPUTERS

- **C++/Java Advanced Programming: Certificate**
Learn advanced programming techniques in HTML, C, C++, Java, Visual Basic
- **Computer Information Systems: A.A.S.**
Work as a programmer or technician
- **Computer Science: A.S.**
Transfer to continue studies in computer science
- **Computer Networking: Certificate**
Design and manage a local area network
- **Computer Software Support: Certificate**
Work as an application specialist, help desk associate, software trainer
- **Information Management: A.S.**
Transfer to continue studies in computer information systems, management information systems, information technology, health information management, security information management, computer networking
- **Web Administration: Certificate**
Work as a website administrator

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

- **Public and Private Security: A.A.S.**
Find entry-level employment in law enforcement, corrections, industrial security
- **Criminal Justice: A.S.**
Transfer to continue studies in criminal justice or pre-law, leading to a career in law enforcement, corrections, probation, parole, rehabilitation, industrial security

EDUCATION

- **Early Childhood: A.A.S.**
Work as a teacher or assistant in daycare, preschool, nursery school
- **Adolescent Education Grades 7-12 with SUNY New Paltz & Others: A.S.**
Transfer program with concentrations in biology, chemistry, English, earth science, French, history/social studies, mathematics, Spanish
- **Early Childhood Education to Grade 6, Dual Certification with SUNY New Paltz: A.S.**
Transfer program with concentrations in biology, English, history/social studies, mathematics, Spanish
- **Early Childhood Caregiver: Certificate**
Beginning credential for daycare providers

ENGINEERING SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGIES

- **Electrical Technology: A.A.S.**
Work as a technician in power systems, semiconductor manufacturing, telecommunications
- **Engineering Science Transfer: A.S.**
Transfer to continue studies in engineering

EXERCISE SCIENCE

- **Exercise Science & Wellness: A.S.**
Transfer to continue studies or enter the workforce in teaching, athletic training, exercise physiology, kinesiology, health & wellness, nutritional science

FIRE SCIENCE

- **Fire Protection Technology: A.A.S.**
Prepare for municipal exams, volunteer fire company applications, entry into a variety of industrial settings
- **Fire and Occupational Safety: A.S.**
Transfer to continue studies for employment in municipal fire protection, investigation and inspection, governmental agencies, industry insurance, transportation

GENERAL STUDIES

- **General Studies: A.S.**
Complete all 10 SUNY General Education requirements while exploring various academic and career options

HUMAN SERVICES

- **Human Services: A.S.**
Transfer to continue studies in human services, social work, psychology, sociology
- **Child Care: A.A.S.**
Work with children, adolescents or adults with mental, emotional or physical handicaps in residential and day schools, group homes, crisis intervention centers and youth correctional facilities



'FACULTY ALL ARE SO SUPPORTIVE AND INVOLVED. THEY REALLY WANT YOU TO SUCCEED AND WILL DO ANYTHING THEY CAN TO HELP YOU OUT.'

– MARÍA LEÓN SÁNCHEZ '18
ENGINEERING SCIENCE MAJOR
NATIVE OF EQUADOR

- **Mental Health Assistant: A.A.S.**
Work as a caseworker aide, outreach worker, client advocate, therapy aide, community organizer
- **Chemical Dependency Counseling: Certificate**
Work as a paraprofessional in rehabilitation, therapeutic communities, correctional or mental health facilities
- **Child Care/Direct Care: Certificate**
Work in human services

LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

- **Humanities: A.A.**
Transfer for continued studies in the humanities and social sciences
- **Mathematics: A.A.**
Transfer for continued studies in mathematics
- **Science: A.S.**
Transfer for continued studies in biology, chemistry, earth science, environmental sciences, health-related fields including but not limited to pre-med, pharmacy, physical therapy

MEDICAL & ALLIED HEALTH

- **Clinical Lab Technician: A.A.S.**
Prepare for professional practice in a clinical laboratory to assist physicians in the diagnosis and treatment of disease
- **EMT/Paramedic: A.A.S.**
Degree program for those who wish to provide pre-hospital care
- **EMT/Paramedic: Certificate**
Care for patients in a pre-hospital setting
- **Phlebotomist: Certificate**
Work in outpatient blood-drawing centers, clinical laboratories, physician offices

PERFORMING ARTS

- **Performing Arts: A.S.**
Transfer for continued study in music, dance, theatre
- **Music Performance: Certificate**
Develop skills in music performance

Welcome to
your **home**
away from
home!





HOUSING

The residence hall is home to 450 students of all backgrounds who want the experience of living on a college campus and having their classes, meals, activities and resources just steps away. You'll enjoy apartment-like living in beautiful, modern, suites that are designed for your comfort, safety and convenience.

EACH BRIGHT, SPACIOUS SUITE INCLUDES:

- All furniture
- Large double bedrooms
- Living room
- Kitchenette with full-sized refrigerator, microwave and sink
- Two bathrooms

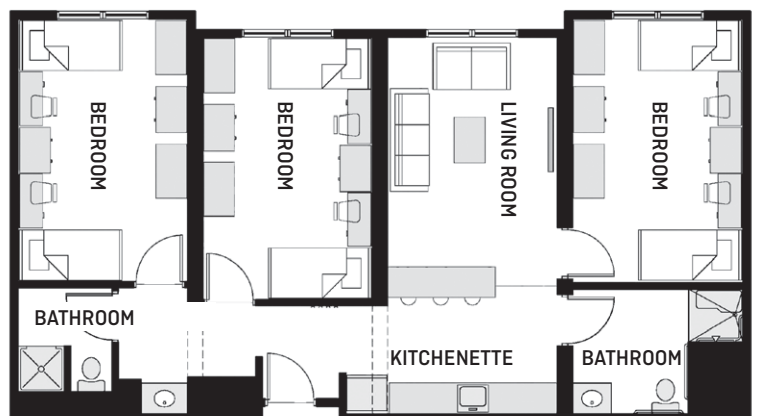
YOU'LL ALSO BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OTHER AMENITIES, INCLUDING:

- Multi-purpose atrium
- Lounge on each floor
- Wireless Internet and cable television
- Free laundry
- Fitness Center
- Round-the-clock security

As an international student you can arrange to stay in the residence hall during holiday breaks when the College is closed, including Thanksgiving, Winter Recess and Spring Break. During those periods, when campus food service is unavailable, you are welcome to prepare meals in the building's new, shared kitchen.

Dutchess Suite

115 SQUARE METERS
THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS
TWO BATHROOMS
KITCHENETTE
LIVING ROOM
\$3,759 USD/SEMESTER*



*FALL 2018 COST, SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Ten Reasons TO CHOOSE DCC



AFFORDABLE

Lowest tuition in New York state



CLOSE TO NYC

Within 145km of New York City; easy to get to by train



STRONG ACADEMICS

Over 50 programs, excellent reputation



SCENIC CAMPUS

Beautiful, sprawling, 526,000 square meter campus



COMMUNITY

Exceptional faculty, friendly environment



CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

including international student club, Hispanic engineers club



EVENTS

Lectures, plays, bus trips to NYC, Hispanic Heritage Month events



SPORTS

Soccer, baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball



CULTURAL FIT

Large community of Hispanic students



FREE BUS

Free bus to local shopping and area attractions



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PLEASE NOTE:

- If English is not the first language of your home country, you must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and score a minimum of 502 (paper-based), 173 (computer-based), or 61 (Internet-based) in order to attend DCC. The exam is administered at test centers throughout the world at various times of the year. For further information, please contact the American Embassy in your country. (TOEFL test information can be found online at: <http://www.toefl.org>.)
- To live in the residence hall you must have a C (75) average. International students who wish to live in the residence hall must have their transcripts evaluated by a NACES member agency (www.naces.org/members.html). Our students typically use SpanTran (www.spantran.com).
- To be successful, you must be prepared to meet the expenses of attending college in the U.S. Plan on your annual cost of attendance, including tuition, college fees, books, housing and meal plan to be approximately \$23,000 USD. Be sure to factor in personal expenses, including travel.

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