

What is the Graduation Assistance Program (GAP)?

The GAP is a self-paced computer program, which allows students to take the subjects they need to recover credits and/or to complete graduation requirements.

How is this Program offered?

The GAP is offered to students by their high school through a cooperative program of the 87-20 SSA consisting of six independent school districts – Coahoma, Forsan, Glasscock County, Grady, Greenwood, and Stanton.

Where is the program offered?

The GAP meets in Room 100 of the Warren Building at Howard College in Big Spring, Texas.

When is the program offered?

Classes meet each day of the regular school year Monday through Thursday from 8:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. and Friday from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. (noon)

What courses are offered through the GAP?

All core academic courses required by the State of Texas in grades 9-12 are offered in the program as well as select electives.

Are the courses approved by the State?

The curriculum is approved by the State of Texas.

How does a student receive credit?

Student progress is monitored daily by a certified classroom instructor and is reported to the student's home campus on a regular basis. Semester grades and credits are awarded by the home campus.

What about attendance?

Attendance is monitored and reported daily to home campuses. Students are required to be in attendance at HC 90% of the time, just as they are required to be in attendance on their home campuses. Students who do not meet this requirement are referred to their home districts for further action.

What is the cost of the GAP?

The self-paced computer program is offered to students who qualify at no cost. Students are responsible for transportation to and from the college. Students are also required to enroll in at least one Howard College CTE course which may have expenses including, but not limited to, tuition, books, and fees for which the student could be responsible.

What is CTE?

Career & Technical Education courses are designed to aid a student in career preparation.

Is enrollment in other dual credit courses available?

Both academic and CTE courses are available if the student chooses to enroll and meets all enrollment requirements. The courses are offered by Howard College instructors on the Howard College campus and also online. Those enrolled in dual credit courses, are students of Howard College and enjoy the student perks offered by HC.

Is there anything else the GAP offers?

Distance credit recovery is offered through the GAP. This program allows students to remain on their home campuses and recover credits if the number of credits needed allows.

Can I attend the GAP and graduate early?

The GAP is not for students who wish to accelerate graduation. A student must have a life-reason to qualify for the program.

How do I find out more about this program?

Contact your high school counselor or principal for more information