

Hiwassee College “Quick Facts”

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The College: Hiwassee College is a private four-year, residential, liberal arts college, founded in 1849 and affiliated with the Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church. Known for its academic reputation and its focus on liberal arts, students are provided with a Christian environment which promotes intellectual pursuit, spiritual growth, and social and personal responsibility.

Accreditation: Hiwassee College is a member of the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS), [15935 Forest Road, Forest, VA 24551; Telephone: (434) 525-9539; email: info@tracs.org] having been awarded Accredited Status as a Category II institution by the TRACS Accreditation Commission on October 29, 2013. This status is effective for a period of five years. TRACS is recognized by the United States Department of Education, the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE). Hiwassee College’s Dental Hygiene Program is a member of the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), [211 East Chicago Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60611; Telephone: 800.621.8099 or 312.440.4653], since 2010. CODA is the sole accrediting agency for dental education programs recognized by the United States Department of Education.

Location: Hiwassee College is ideally located in Madisonville, TN between Knoxville and Chattanooga and adjacent to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The campus occupies 60 acres within a 400 acre area owned by the college. ([Directions](#))

Programs of Study: Hiwassee offers seven baccalaureate programs: Biology, Business Administration, Christian Leadership, Dental Hygiene, Equine Management and Training, Equine Science, and Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts. Associate programs are offered in Criminal Justice and Forestry Technology. Opportunities also exist for students to tailor their educational program to specific areas of interest.

Enrollment: The 2017 fall enrollment of 302 students included:

44 percent male; 56 percent female

47 percent residential; 53 percent commuters

8 different states represented as well as international students

Faculty: The student/faculty ratio is 9:1 with an average class size of 13. Personalized instruction and student-professor contact are two of the college’s strong points. 75% of all courses are taught by full-time faculty/staff. Of the full-time faculty, over half have either a terminal degree or in pursuit of a terminal degree.

Athletics: Hiwassee College is a member of the National Christian College Athletic Association and offers varsity sports in baseball, softball, men and women's basketball, women's volleyball, men and women's golf, men and women's soccer, and a club sport in shooting.

Financial Aid: More than 90 percent of students receive financial assistance through scholarships, grants, loans, or work study.

The Hiwassee Advantage: After graduation, if your income is less than \$40,000 per year, The Hiwassee College Advantage can help repay federal, private, and parent PLUS loans.

Tuition and Fees: The cost for attending Hiwassee College in 2017-2018 is \$23,523.00 which includes tuition, room, board, and fees (additional fees required for equine riding classes, applied music courses and the dental hygiene program).

Statistics: The Dental Hygiene Program boasts an 80-90 percent graduation rate, 100 percent pass rate on the state board exam, and a 100 percent job placement rate for 2015, 2016, and 2017. The retention rate from fall to spring is 80-85 percent for the past two years.

Student Achievement:

Retention Rate is calculated as total number of students that enrolled in the previous Fall semester and returned. Below are the past three years of retention percentages.

Fall 2014 to Fall 2015: 54.8%

Fall 2015 to Fall 2016: 55.6%

*Fall 2016 to Fall 2017: 64.5% (Increase of 16% from the previous year)

Overall Graduation Rate (OGR) is calculated by a cohort of First-time, Full-time (FTFT) students that eventually graduated from the college within 100%-200% time for completion of a degree (Bachelors or Associates).

Fall 2013 FTFT Cohort: 29% (after four years)

Fall 2014 FTFT Cohort: 34% (after three years)

*Fall 2015 FTFT Cohort: 20% (after two years)

*We expect to see increases to the Overall Graduation Rates based upon new degrees being offered and increases to the Fall to Fall retention rate.