

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT Admission Guidelines

Davidson County Community College

International Student Enrollment Policies

- An international student is defined as one for whom an I-20 (F-1 student visa) form must be issued.
- The College cannot encourage the admission of international students for whom the lack of permanent residency and/or difficulty with the English language is a factor in adjustment to college work.
- Davidson County Community College is not authorized to issue I-20 forms or except I-20 transfer students for the Basic Skills, GED, ESL, or Adult High School programs.
- International students are required to observe the regulations of the United States Department of Homeland Security, as well as those of the College.
- A person holding a student (F-1) visa cannot be classified as a North Carolina resident for tuition purposes and shall be required to pay out-of-state tuition.
- If an international student owes a debt to any College, he/she will not be allowed to enroll at the College the following semester and will thereby jeopardize his/her F-1 student status.
- International students wishing to **transfer their I-20** to DCCC from another United States institution must complete all application procedures at least 60 days prior to the beginning of the semester in which they wish to enroll.
- The College is required to enroll all international students in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- Current undocumented aliens who have maintained residency in North Carolina for at least 12 months prior to application to DCCC may be eligible for in-state status if the student can provide proof of Application for Permanent U.S. Residency and the letter stating that the Dept. of Homeland Security has received the application. However, these students may not be eligible for federal or state financial aid.

ADMISSION CHECKLIST for International Students

- _____ 1. **TOEFL Scores** (Test of English as a Foreign Language)
 - a. Anyone wishing to apply for admission as an international student whose native language is not English must first make arrangements through the American Consulate in his/her own country to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).
 - b. No international applicant can be approved for admission (even if he/she meets all other requirements) until a satisfactory score is achieved on the TOEFL exam. For the paper-based TOEFL, a minimum score of 550 is required. For the computer-based TOEFL, a minimum score of 213 is required. For the iBT TOEFL exam, required scores are as follows for each portion of the test: Reading 17; Listening 17; Speaking 16 and Writing 16.

- _____ 2. **DCCC Application for Admission**
 - a. Some DCCC programs have additional admission requirements

- _____ 3. **Placement Assessment Scores**
 - a. Make an appointment to take the DCCC Placement Assessment by calling 336-249-8186, ext. 6731
 - b. You may be exempt from taking the DCCC Placement assessment if you have previous college level English and math credits from a regionally accredited college in the United States

- _____ 4. **Official Transcripts** from High School and/or GED and all Colleges Attended
 - a. Course work completed at institutions outside of the U.S. must be submitted with a notarized or certified English translation.
 - b. An accredited foreign educational credential evaluation service may be used (i.e. World Education Services – www.wes.org).

- _____ 5. **Evidence of Financial Resources**
 - a. All international applicants must submit evidence of adequate financial resources to support them throughout their educational program including evidence of satisfactory housing and transportation arrangements.
 - b. The documentary evidence must be in the form of either a statement signed by a bank official on bank stationery in English from the individual's bank in the home country that he/she has access to \$7,500 plus out-of-state tuition and fees for one year or a signed notarized statement from the bank of a sponsor who is a U.S. citizen that the sponsor has access to \$7,500 plus out-of-state tuition and fees for one year and a signed notarized statement of intent to provide support from the sponsor.
 - c. Federal and state funds for financial assistance to international students are not available.

Once all steps above have been completed and verified, the Director, Records and Registration will issue an I-20 (student visa).