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Applying to DCCC

1. Complete [DCCC online application](#) including International Student Addendum
 - a. Email the International Student Addendum along with a copy of your passport to internationalstudent@davidsonccc.edu.
 - b. You will need to decide on your intended degree program. Choose from: Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, or Associate of Applied Science. See our [specific programs available to international students](#).
2. Submit financial evidence
 - a. Evidence should prove student's ability to cover the [cost of attendance](#) for at least one semester at DCCC. This includes tuition, fees, and all living expenses.
 - b. The documentary evidence must be in the form of either a bank statement signed by a bank official or a letter on official bank letterhead signed by a bank official. This documentation must be in English and converted to U.S. dollars.
 - c. If the student is being sponsored, the sponsor should also complete an [Affidavit of Support](#).
3. Meet English language requirement in one of the following ways.
 - a. Appropriate scores on the [TOEFL iBT®](#) Test. You can send the original scores or a copy of the scores to DCCC in paper or digital format.
 - i. Reading 15
 - ii. Listening 14
 - iii. Speaking 16
 - iv. Writing 16
 - b. Minimum score of 500 on the [TOEFL® PBT](#)
 - c. Meeting benchmarks using college approved placement tests.
 - d. Successful completion of a college level English course at a US college or university
 - e. Students who have obtained their secondary school diploma and/or a bachelor's degree from a country on the [English Language Requirement Exemptions](#) list are exempt.
 - f. Exceptions to the policies above need to be approved by the Director, Student Records and Registration.
4. Send college or university transcripts to DCCC (optional)
 - a. You only need to send transcripts to DCCC if you think you may receive transfer credit.
 - b. All transcripts from colleges and universities outside the U.S. need to be evaluated by [World Education Services \(WES\)](#).
 - c. All U.S. official transcripts can be emailed to the DCCC Admissions office at admissions@davidsonccc.edu or mailed to:

**Admissions Office
P.O. Box 1287
Lexington, NC 27293**

Transfer-In Students

If you have already been studying at another U.S. college or university, you need to complete all the above steps along with DCCC's International Student Transfer Clearance Form to receive your I-20.

Complete Before Entry to the United States

I-20 and Visa

In order to enter the United States as an F-1 student, you will need to have a Visa and Form I-20 among other documents. After you have been accepted to study at Davidson County Community College, you will receive your I-20. To apply for the student visa, you will need to go to the U.S. embassy or consulate nearest to you in your home country. The link below provides additional information about how to successfully apply for a student visa.

- [Apply for Visa](#)
- Paying the \$200 [SEVIS Fee](#)
- Visit [Study in States](#) for more helpful information.

Take proctored DCCC placement tests (recommended before entry to U.S.)

- d. Placement assessments are tools that measure your skills in reading, writing, math, and general computer use. DCCC uses scores from the assessments to place you in your classes. If you would like to enroll in classes at DCCC before arriving in the U.S., you can take these placement tests in your home country under the supervision of an assigned proctor. There is a \$25 fee per proctored test.
- You also have the option of waiting to take these placement tests after arriving in the U.S. If you wait to take the tests, you will also need to wait to enroll in classes.

Complete Upon Arrival to U.S.

1. Attend International Student Orientation
 - a. Orientation will give you a general idea of what to expect as a college student in the United States. It will introduce you to our campus through a physical tour and an overview of our online learning tools.
 - b. Complete Check-In Form, FERPA Form, Rights and Responsibilities Form
 - c. Bring passport, I-94, I-20, and Visa
 - d. Information on Curricular Practical Training (CPT), Optional Practical Training (OPT), and working while in the U.S. will be provided.
2. Complete placement testing and advising to schedule classes if you have not already done so (required after entry).

Complete at Start of Each Semester

1. Complete International Student Semester Check-In Form and return to Designated School Official (DSO)

Complete at Start of Final Semester

1. Complete International Student Exit Plan Options Form and return to Designated School Official (DSO)
2. Complete International Student Exit Survey and return to Designated School Official (DSO)

Programs Available to International Students

- **Accounting**
- **Applied Engineering Technology**
 - Emphasis in Electromechanical
 - Emphasis in Maintenance
- **Aquarium Science Technology**
- **Associate in Arts**
- **Associate in Science**
- **Automotive Systems Technology**
- **Business Administration**
 - Business Administration (Accounting Track)
 - Business Administration (Business Track)
 - Business Administration (Human Resources Track)
- **Computer Integrated Machining**
 - Emphasis in Computer Numerical Control
 - Emphasis in Drafting and Design
- **Criminal Justice Technology**
- **Diesel & Heavy Equipment Technology**
- **Early Childhood Education**
- **Electronics Engineering Technology**
- **Fire Protection Technology**
 - Fire Protection Technology: Emphasis in Fire Protection Administration
 - Fire Protection Technology: Emphasis in Public Safety Telecommunicator
- **Health Information Technology**
- **Information Technology**
 - Emphasis in Information Systems
 - Emphasis in Networking and Cyber Security
 - Emphasis in Software and Web Development
 - Emphasis in Digital Media Production
- **Paralegal Technology**
- **Welding Technology**

Estimated Cost of Attendance for 2017-18

Tuition & Fees (as set by NC State Legislature)	Per Semester	Per Year
Out-of-State (16 Credit Hours)	\$4,288.00	\$8,576.00
Fees (as set by DCCC Board) <i>(Activity Fee: \$35, Tech Fee \$16, Ins. Fee \$1.25, Safety and Access Fee \$25)</i>	\$78.00	\$156.00
Book/software costs <i>(average \$160 x 5 subjects/semester)</i>	\$800.00	\$1,600.00
Supply costs	\$70.00	\$140.00
Room & Board Costs for one year <i>\$950/month (Housing & Utilities \$725/mo & meals \$225/mo)</i>	\$5,700.00	\$11,400.00
Mileage <i>(\$2.50/gal, 20MPG, 30 mi/round-trip/5 days/week)</i>	\$300.00	\$600.00
Other Transportation Costs <i>(Registration, Insurance, Vehicle Maint.)</i>	\$660.00	\$1,320.00
Toiletries, health, clothing, loan fees etc. <i>(\$300/mo.)</i>	\$1,350.00	\$2,700.00
Total:	\$13,246.00	\$26,492.00

English Language Requirement Exemptions

Students who have obtained their secondary school diploma and/or a bachelor's degree from any of the following countries are exempt from the English language requirement. The list, taken from [U.S. Central Intelligence Agency \(CIA\) website](#), only includes countries where English is spoken by at least 70% of the population or is listed as the only language spoken.

1. Anquilla
2. Australia
3. Bahamas, The
4. Barbados
5. Bermuda
6. British Virgin Islands
7. Canada
8. Cayman Islands
9. Grenada
10. Ireland
11. Jamaica
12. New Zealand
13. Saint Kitts and Nevis
14. Saint Lucia
15. Turks and Caicos Islands
16. United Kingdom
17. Virgin Islands