

NORTHLAND COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

2045 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSION

International students are those who do not have United States citizenship, permanent residency, or refugee or political asylum status. International students must complete the Northland Community and Technical College's (NCTC) International Student Admissions process, including the special application. They also must meet the English language proficiency, academic, and financial support requirements. NCTC issues the Form I-20 for F-1 and M-1 student visas to accepted students. Students who do not need the I-20 are not required to meet the financial, immunization, and health insurance requirements.

English Proficiency Requirements:

NCTC requires:

- a minimum TOEFL score of 500 on the paper version of the exam, 173 on the computer version, or 61 on the internet version, or
- IELTS (International English Language Testing System) band score of 5.5 or higher, or
- completion of Level 109 of an approved ELS Language Center, or
- recent completion of a college-level composition course with a grade of "C" or better from a college in the United States.

NCTC will waive the English requirement for any applicant whose native language is English.

Academic Requirements:

The minimum academic requirement is graduation from an accredited secondary school or its equivalent. International student applicants must arrange for the NCTC Admission Office to receive official academic records from all secondary, college, university, or professional institutions they have attended. The College reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of the certification. Photocopies are not acceptable. A certified literal translation must be included with the official document if the record is not in English.

Financial Requirements:

International applicants who want the student F-1 or M-1 visa must provide documentation showing that all educational and living expenses will be provided for their first year of enrollment at NCTC (Certification of Finances). International students are expected to have at their disposal sufficient funds to meet all educational and living expenses throughout the time it will take to complete their program objectives. Financial aid is not available for international students through NCTC. Off-campus employment is not available during the first year of academic study. Off-campus employment opportunities are limited after the first year and are subject to the regulations of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). NCTC reserves the right to determine the accuracy of the financial certification.

Immunization Requirements:

Minnesota law requires that all students born after 1956 and enrolled in a public or private post-secondary school in Minnesota be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, measles, mumps, and rubella, allowing for certain specified exceptions.

Health Insurance Requirements:

Health insurance is required as a condition for enrollment for all international students attending NCTC. All international students are required to purchase the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities International Student Accident and Illness Insurance Plan, unless they can provide written verification that their government or sponsoring agency accepts full responsibility for any medical claims that might occur. NCTC is not responsible for any bills due to illness or injury.

Related Document: MnSCU Procedure 3.4.1 Undergraduate Admissions

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