

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 Northland Community and Technical College's International Student Admissions process. They also must meet the English language proficiency, academic, and financial support requirements. Northland issues Form I-20 for F-1 and M-1 student visas to accepted students.

English Proficiency Requirements:

Northland 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
- completion of a college-level composition course with a grade of "C" or better from a college in the United States.

The English proficiency requirement will be waived for any applicant who is deemed, by Northland, to be a native speaker of English.

Northland Community and Technical College recognizes Limited English Proficiency (LEP) students as individuals with sufficient difficulty speaking, reading, writing, or understanding the English language. Northland provides academic support and referral services to all students including those with limited English proficiency.

Academic Requirements:

1. International students will be eligible for admission if their academic preparation is judged equivalent to the admission requirements of the institution to which they are applying.
2. International students may be required to submit high school or other transcripts to an evaluation service designated by the admitting college or university. Cost of the evaluation must be borne by the student.

Financial Requirements:

Before being admitted, international applicants seeking an F-1 or M-1 student visa must demonstrate economic self-sufficiency by providing documentation (Certification of Finances) showing they can fully cover all educational and living expenses for their first year at Northland. This includes tuition and fees, books and supplies, room and board, transportation, and other necessary costs for completing the academic year. International students are expected to have sufficient funds available to support themselves for the entire duration of their academic program, as financial aid is not available through Northland.

Off-campus employment is not permitted during the first year of academic study. After the first year, such employment opportunities remain limited and are subject to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) regulations. Northland reserves the right to verify the accuracy of all submitted financial documentation.

Immunization Requirements:

Minnesota law requires that all students born after 1956 and enrolled in a public or private postsecondary 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 Northland. All international students are required to purchase the system-approved student health insurance; except those students whose sponsoring agency or government certifies that the student is covered under a plan provided by the sponsoring agency or government. Northland is not responsible for any bills due to illness or injury.

Related Document: Minnesota State Procedure 3.4.1 Undergraduate Admissions

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