

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSIONS INFORMATION & PROCEDURES

General Information

Please read the following information to help determine if Western Technical College is a good fit for your education goals.

International students are responsible for:

1. Arranging a pick-up at the airport.
2. Making housing arrangements. On average, monthly payment for an apartment ranges from \$450.00–\$800.00. Heat, electricity, and telephone are extra monthly costs and approximately \$150.00–\$300.00 per month.
3. Paying out-of-state tuition.
4. Proving your proficiency in the English language.
5. Applying for a degree program. Most associate degree programs require 3 years to complete. Some programs may require more time to complete. Priority is given to students living in the United States.

International students are assigned a career coach to assist in academic success.

For more information regarding programs offered at Western Technical College, please visit our website at <http://www.westernnc.edu>.

Estimated Annual Budget

Estimated expenses of full-time international student seeking an associate degree:

Tuition and fees	\$6,640
Room and board	\$6,264
Books and supplies	\$1,540
Personal	\$3,416
Medical / health insurance	\$1,000
Academic year total expenses	\$18,860

Admissions Procedures

Western Technical College has specific admission procedures, which vary in selected programs. Please be advised of the following requirements for international students who are interested in attending Western Technical College. To ensure that all Western Technical College and U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services

(USCIS) requirements are met, please call Western Technical College at (608) 789-4724 to speak to a counselor.

If English is not your first language, we ask that you demonstrate proficiency in the English language with a minimum Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) results.

**Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) iBT
(60–78 Total Score)**

Skill	Score Range	Score Level
TOEFL Reading	0 – 14	Low
	15 – 21	Intermediate
	22 - 30	High
TOEFL Listening	0 – 14	Low
	15 – 21	Intermediate
	22 - 30	High
TOEFL Speaking	0 – 9	Weak
	10 – 17	Limited
	18 – 25	Fair
	26 – 30	Good
TOEFL Writing	1 – 16	Limited
	17 – 23	Fair
	24 - 30	Good

**International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
6 points or Higher on Band Scale**

TOEFL Score	IELTS Band
0–31	0–4
32–34	4.5
35–45	5
46–59	5.5
60–78	6
79–93	6.5
94–101	7
102–109	7.5
110–114	8
115–117	8.5
118–120	9

International students are required to be full-time students (12+ credits) during the fall and spring terms. Summer term enrollment is determined by program.

Provide a financial statement that verifies funds are available to support tuition, books and supplies, room and board, medical insurance, and personal expenses while studying at Western Technical College.

Becoming an International Student at Western Technical College

If you are interested in being admitted to a program at Western Technical College, please follow the steps outlined below. *We recommend that you begin this process at least 12–24 months before enrollment.*

Required to Obtain Student I-20

After you have submitted the required documentation (Please refer to the International Student Checklist F1/M1), Western Technical College will mail your approved Form I-20, along with your letter of Admission from Western to you for applying for the F-1 student visa.

Once you receive the I-20 from Western Technical College, you will need to visit the U.S. Consulate or Embassy in your country to apply for an F-1 visa. In order to be considered for the student visa, you will need to provide:

1. I-20
2. Valid passport
3. Original financial documents
4. Letter of admission from Western Technical College

Once you are granted the F-1 visa, you may travel to La Crosse, Wisconsin, to attend Western Technical College.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding USCIS procedures, please contact Max Vang at vangf@westerntc.edu or Nikki Quackenbush at quackenbushn@westerntc.edu.

When You Arrive

International students need to:

1. Meet with an International Student Specialist Max Vang (608) 789-4724 or Nikki Quackenbush (608) 785-9560.
2. Schedule to take ACCUPLACER entry test, as required of all Western program students. Your scores in reading, writing, and math will be used for placement and advising regarding appropriate classes. There is a \$25 fee to take the admission test.
3. Pay all tuition and fees for books and materials when registering for classes. Note: F1 international students are not eligible for financial aid, including work-study.