



Wichita Area Technical College International Student Admissions Policy

WATC has been approved to host international students who hold either F-1 or M-1 visas. *At this time, the college only admits transfer students that are transferring from other colleges and universities within the United States.* Starting Fall 2016, WATC will be admitting international students for technical related programs only. Students may view the 50+ available programs at:

<http://watc.edu/admissions/programs-of-study/>. Requirements for issuance of an I-20AB include:

1. Completed International Student Application for Admission. There is no fee for application to the college. Students may apply online at www.watc.edu/apply.
2. Proof of graduation from an accredited high school or the equivalent. All international transcripts must include English translations.
3. Proof of sufficient funds to cover all expenses students will incur while attending the college. Expenses may include tuition, fees, materials, room and board, travel and miscellaneous personal expenses. All applicants must submit a notarized Affidavit of Sponsor complete with raised seal of verification from the sponsor's bank as well as bank statements verifying compliance with the affidavit. The sponsor, whose signature appears on the affidavit, is agreeing by their signature to provide adequate funds to pay any expenses as listed above in full by the first day of classes for each subsequent semester. Student must also provide accompanying bank statements clearly showing current account balances that are not older than three months. If the sponsor fails to provide promised funds, students are unable to enroll and reported to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services as out-of-status.
4. English Proficiency – Students whose first language is not English or whose country's official language is not English must document their English proficiency in one of the following ways:
 - a. A minimum score TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) score of 513 or above on the written test, 183 on the computer-based test, or 80 on the internet test is required.
 1. Students seeking admission to WATC's Licensed Practical Nurse Program must meet a minimum score of 72 on the internet based test and score the following minimums on individual sections of the internet based test or meet requirement (b) or (c) listed below:
 - Reading (22 or higher)
 - Listening (22 or higher)
 - Speaking (26 or higher)
 - Writing (24 or higher)
 - b. Completion of the Advanced II level or higher at Wichita State University's Intensive English Language Center. Students must have grades of C or better in all classes.
 - c. Academic credit of 12 hours or more (including the equivalent of ENG101) from a U.S. college or university or one year from a U.S. high school with a minimum 2.5 grade point average.





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d. The IELTS (International English Language Testing System) test is also acceptable as an alternative to TOEFL. An overall score of 6.5 is required for admission.

5. Upon arrival, students must complete all necessary testing and placement procedures for the individual program of study to which they are applying.

6. Proof of current international health insurance policy must be submitted upon arrival to the international student office.

An I-20AB will be mailed to the student's home country upon acceptance to WATC along with receipt of proof of appropriate resources as listed above. Students must take the I-20AB to the American Embassy in their country to apply for an F-1 or M-1 visa.

ALL INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TRANSCRIPTS NEED TO BE TRANSLATED/EVALUATED AND SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO WATC THROUGH ECE.org or WES.org.

2014-2015 Application Deadlines are as follows:

May 16, 2016 for classes beginning June 6, 2016 (Summer Term)

August 1, 2016 for classes beginning August 15, 2016 (Fall Term)

December 19, 2016 for classes beginning January 9, 2017 (Spring Term)

May 15, 2017 for classes beginning June 5, 2017 (Summer Term)

August 4, 2017 for classes beginning August 14, 2017

The following must be presented to WATC's international admission office upon arrival and enrollment:

- I-20
- I-94 Departure Record
- Passport
- Proof of International Health Insurance
- Payment of tuition and fees

International Transfer Students

International students who transfer to WATC from another college within the United States are required to complete Steps 1 through 4 as listed above. International students who have completed College English Composition I with a grade of C or better are not required to submit documentation for Step 4 listed above in regard to proficiency in the English language. WATC's International Admission Office must also receive a completed International Student Transfer form. This form can be obtained from WATC's International Admission Office. Students with outstanding balances from other institutions will not gain admission to WATC until proof of a zero balance can be verified.





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International Guest Students

WATC also admits students who are currently holding an I-20AB from another school. Requirements for attendance at WATC are as follows:

1. Application for New Student Admission. There is no fee for application to the college. Students may apply online at www.watc.edu/apply.
2. A guest letter must be secured from the institution holding the student's I-20AB and submitted to WATC's international admission office at the time of enrollment. The letter must include how many credits hours the student plans to enroll in and the term in which the student plans to attend WATC.
3. An official copy of the student's class schedule must be provided to WATC's international student office showing proof of minimum full-time enrollment at the student's host school.

Policies for Continuing International Students

To facilitate compliance with SEVIS, the new Department of Homeland Security information and reporting system, the International Office has instituted the following policies for international students who have an I-20 from Wichita Area Technical College.

- Full Course of Study: All WATC international students are required to enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester at WATC. There may be occasional exceptions, in accordance with F-1 and M-1 regulations, and at the discretion of the international admission office, which will require full course certification with strong rationale and documentation.

- Attendance: All WATC students are expected to attend all scheduled class and examination meetings. In accordance with federal and college policy, students who have not attended class in 14 calendar days will be administratively withdrawn by the Registrar. A "WT" (withdrawn by teacher) may be recorded on the student's permanent record. For WATC to be in compliance with this policy, no exceptions will be made.

- Concurrent Enrollment: WATC international students must enroll in 12 credit hours at WATC before they are allowed to enroll as a guest student at other colleges in the area, such as Wichita State University or Cowley College. Students enrolled for 12 credit hours may be given a guest letter to enroll in additional courses at other colleges.

- Transferring: WATC international students who wish to transfer to another institution must inform their international advisor prior to transferring. Please be advised, students holding an M-1 visa cannot transfer to Wichita State University. Students on an M-1 visa who wish to attend Wichita State University may be required to apply for an F-1 visa at the United State Embassy prior to attending Wichita State University.





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• **Reinstatement:** International students who are “out-of-status” will be required to apply for reinstatement before they are permitted to enroll for the next semester. The international admission office will assist students with their reinstatement application but the student is responsible to see that it is mailed.

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