

**Piedmont Technical College**  
**ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT**  
**2016-2017**

### ADMISSIONS

- Apply for **admission** to Piedmont Technical College.
- Provide an approved evaluation of evidence of **successful completion of secondary school**, equal to a U.S. high school diploma. Note: An English translation may be required for approval submitted directly from a NACES (National Association of Credential Evaluation Services) member evaluator.
- Provide evidence of **English language proficiency** by one of the following:
  - TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) scores with a minimum of 173 (Computerized); 500 (Written) or 61 (Internet-based)
  - IELTS (international English Language Testing System) score band 5.0
  - Transfer credit for post-secondary level English coursework. Note: For transfer credit, provide an approved credit evaluation for college or university coursework for international transcripts. The evaluator of the coursework must be a NACES (National Association of Credential Evaluation Services) member evaluator.

**Note:** This requirement may be waived for a student whose first language is English or whose secondary school of instruction is English.

- Take College **placement test** or meet one of the following criteria for exemption:
  - Earned a minimum score of 19 on ACT Math waives the Math portion; and a minimum score of 20 on ACT English and Reading waives the Writing and Reading portion.
  - Prior to March 2016, earned a minimum SAT score of at least 480 on Verbal (or Critical Reading) waives the Writing and Reading portion; and a minimum score of 480 on Math waives the Math portion.
  - After March 2016, earned a minimum SAT score of at least 510 on Verbal (or Critical Reading) waives the Writing and Reading portion; and a minimum score of 510 on Math waives the Math portion.
  - Completed college-level English and math courses from an accredited or approved institution with minimum grades of "C".
  - Have earned an associate's, bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited institution.

### FINANCIAL

- Demonstrate **evidence of financial support**. Complete the Affidavit of Support with official documentation of financial support in the amount of \$27,775.60 (\$17,652.60 with Sponsor's Affidavit of Free Room & Board) to cover tuition and expenses for one academic year. This amount is subject to change based on the current rate of tuition, books and cost of living in the local area.
- Provide a two-semester **escrow deposit** of U.S. \$7,692. A portion will be used to pay first semester tuition and fees. The balance will remain in escrow to be applied to your last semester. This amount is subject to change based on the current tuition rate for international students.

### TRANSFER IN REQUIREMENT

- Submit **Transfer-In release** form from prior institution. I-20 will be released upon transfer release of SEVIS record.

### I-20 ISSUANCE REQUIREMENTS

- The **INS Form I-20** will be issued upon receipt of all required documents and escrow deposit. Note: Issuance of an INS Form I-20 does not guarantee the approval of F-1 visa status by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Office or the U.S. embassy or consulate in your home country.
- Pay **SEVIS fee** directly to USCIS ([www.fmifee.com](http://www.fmifee.com)), print receipt. This must be presented to the embassy or consulate.

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