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 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 61 (Internet-based). Scores valid for two years from test date.
  - 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:
  - 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.
  - After March 2016, earned a minimum SAT score of at least 510 on Verbal (or Critical Reading) waives the Writing and Reading portion.
  - Completed college-level English and math courses from an accredited or approved institution with minimum grades of “C”.
  - Have earned an associate, bachelor’s degree or higher from an accredited institution.

Financial

- Demonstrate evidence of financial support. Complete the Affidavit of Support with official financial documentation. Documents must support the amount of $31,725.00 ($21,942.00 with Sponsor’s Affidavit of Free Room & Board).
- Provide a two-semester escrow deposit of U.S. $8,486. 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.
  Note: These amounts are subject to change based on the current rate of tuition, books, and cost of living in the local area.

Transfer Requirement

- Submit Transfer-in-release form from prior institution. I-20 will be released upon transfer release of SEVIS record.
  Note: Transfer-In students are not required to pay a new SEVIS fee.

I-20 Issuance Requirements

- The INS Form 1-20 will be issued upon receipt of all required documents and escrow deposit.
  Note: Issuance of an INS Form 1-20 does not guarantee the approval of F-1 visa status by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Office or U.S. Embassy or Consulate in your home country.
- Pay SEVIS fee directly to USCIS (www.fmjfee.com) and print receipt. This must be presented to the Embassy or Consulate. This is not a requirement for students who already hold an F-1 visa.

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