



Admissions Checklist–International Students

Student must clear admissions and meet the following requirements to issue an I-20:

TOEFL SCORES

Submit official **TOEFL**: Results must be from a U.S. National TOEFL (international version). No residual or Institutional TOEFL exam taken at another U.S. institution will be accepted

- Minimum TOEFL score required: Internet based test –61 IBT (Official letter with scores must be submitted to TSC Testing Office). Emails or copies will not be accepted.
Test scores are **valid only for two calendar** years. Please visit www.toefl.org for more information, test dates, location and registration

ADMISSION

- Complete and submit the admission application through **ApplyTexas** at <https://goapplytexas.org/>
- An active application is required to move forward with the enrollment process.

DEADLINES:

New Student:	FALL: July 1 st 1 st Summer: April 1 st	SPRING: November 1 st 2 nd Summer: May 1 st
Transfer Student:	FALL: Aug. 1 st 1 st Summer: May 1 st	SPRING: Dec. 1 st 2 nd Summer: June 1 st

TRANSCRIPTS

- Submit official high school or college transcripts to the Office of Admissions.
Note: If you do not have a final transcript, a constancia (official letter from High School or University) will be accepted temporarily. The Official letter must include: student's name, years of attendance, courses completed and /grades received.

(Deadline to submit evaluated & translated transcripts is on the First week of School).

*Official High School or College Transcript must be evaluated and translated with a Foreign Credential Evaluation Services accept by Texas Southmost College

Foreign Credentials Evaluation Services

Transfer Admissions Applicant with Foreign Educational Course work – listed below are only some examples of NACES members:

- **World Education Services, Inc.** P.O. Box Bowling Green Station, New York NY 10274-5087, Ph. 212-966-6311; Fax: 212-739-6100, website: www.wes.org.
- **Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.** P.O. Box 514070, Milwaukee, WI 53203-3470, Ph. 414-289-3400; Fax: 414-2893411, website: www.ece.org.
- **Span Tran Educational Services, Inc.**, 2400 Augusta Dr. Suite 451, Houston, TX 77057, Ph. 713-266-8805; Website: www.spantran.com

For more options on Evaluation services to **NACES** (National Association of Credential Evaluation Services) Please visit the following link: <https://www.naces.org/members> for more options

RESIDENCY DOCUMENTATION

1. Submit copy of valid passport valid for 6 months or more. **Will not accept expired documents.*
2. Mexican National students may also submit a copy of voters' registration card and/or B1/B2 visa.
3. Transfer students may submit current immigration documents (I-20, valid student visa, and I-94).
4. Nonimmigrant Visa

IMMUNIZATION

- Provide proof of bacterial meningitis vaccination no later than **10 calendar days before the beginning of school.**
**Texas state law requires that entering students show evidence of receiving a bacterial meningitis vaccination or booster dose during the five (5) year period prior to enrollment. The law allows for some exceptions. Information is also available through the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.*

IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTATION & VISA

- Please visit in person with the **DSO** (Designated School Official)
- They will review and provide the immigration document (I-20) necessary to obtain F1 student visa at the U.S. Consulate/ Embassy.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION

DHS (Department of Homeland Security) requires that copies of evidence of available funds, sufficient for at least one year of study be provided to our office before any request for a NEW SEVIS I-20 may be processed. These documents must be dated within the last 60 days.

MEDICAL INSURANCE

Minimum Coverage Requirements (Insurance must cover student upon arrival into the United States).

- Medical Benefits – unlimited maximum on benefits
- No Pre-existing condition limitation
- Medical Evaluation - \$10,000 or more
- Repatriation - \$7,500 or more
- Deductible cannot exceed \$500 per accident or illness

**Note: All Mexican Nationals are not required, but encouraged to purchase medical insurance.*

TESTING (TSI)

The State of Texas requires all students enrolling in college to meet the **Texas Success Initiative (TSI)**. Submit T.S.I. test scores or provide official documentation for Texas Success Initiative (TSI) exemption or compliance (TAKS/STAR test scores or official college transcript).

ACADEMIC ADVISING

- Meet with a TSC academic advisor to select a program of study (**mandatory**) after completing required tests and admission process.

** Note: All international students are required to be enrolled 12 credit hours under immigration requirements. Those students under part time status are under an F3 visa as a part-time border commuter. For more details, please consult with The Office of Global Engagement.*

INTERNATIONAL IMMIGRATION ORIENTATION (MANDATORY)

- Specific dates for Orientation for New International Students will be announced once the student receives the I-20.