

International Student Admission Application

Tidewater Community College

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in [Tidewater Community College](#) (TCC). Serving over 24,000 students with several degree programs in a range of fields, four convenient campuses, and hundreds of affordable day and evening classes, including English as a Second Language (ESL), TCC is one of Virginia's best educational values for individuals just like you! Over 100 countries are represented in our student body, making TCC a diverse, inclusive, and welcoming place for international students from all over the world. As a Virginia community college, TCC also has numerous [transfer](#) and [guaranteed admission agreements](#) with many of the state's best colleges and universities, making it a great place to start your post-secondary education in the U.S.

Enclosed are the TCC I-20 Application and Financial Affidavit of Support. Please refer to the Admission Checklist for a comprehensive list of admission requirements.

We also invite you to view our [promotional video](#).

Thank you again for your interest. We look forward to supporting you in pursuing an education here at TCC.

Best Wishes,

International Student Services
Tidewater Community College
1700 College Crescent
Virginia Beach, VA 23453
iss@tcc.edu
(757) 822-7296



Admission Checklist

To Apply for General Admission:

- [VCCS Application for Admission](#)
 - May need to include High School/Secondary School Diploma

To Apply for the Form I-20 (needed for F-1 visa):

- I-20 Application (this form)
- Financial Affidavit of Support (included in I-20 Application)
- Financial Documents/Bank Statements
- Evidence of English Proficiency (TCC's ESL Placement Test, TOEFL, IELTS, SAT)
- Copy of Passport

F-1 Transfer Students Must Also Include:

- Copy of I-20 From Previous Institution
- Copy of F-1 Visa or I-539 Approval Notice
- Copy of I-94
- Transcripts From Previous Institution

Application Deadlines

Overseas Applicants	F-1 Transfer Applicants	Change of Status Applicants
<p>FALL: APRIL 1st SPRING: AUGUST 1st</p> <p>For actual semester start dates, visit the TCC website: www.tcc.edu/calendars</p>	<p>FALL: AUGUST 1st SPRING: DECEMBER 1st</p> <p>Transfer students will only be accepted in Active SEVIS status. If your SEVIS record (I-20) has been terminated, please apply as an overseas applicant.</p>	<p>**Visitors in B1/B2 or J-1 status are advised that TCC no longer sponsors the change of status I-20 for these categories. You must leave the U.S. and apply for a visa at the U.S. Consulate.</p> <p>Students in NATO, H4, L2, E2 statuses may request a change of status I-20 at least 6 months before the 21st birthday.</p> <p>Applicants in B1/B2 status may not enroll in a course of study until F-1 status is acquired. F-2 dependents may enroll only in a part-time course of study (less than 12 credit hours). To enroll in 12 or more credit hours, F-1 status must be approved.</p>

I-20 Application

I am seeking admission to TCC for (semester/year):

Fall 2024
Spring 2025
Fall 2025

TCC STUDENT ID NUMBER: _____

Name (as it appears on your passport or national ID)

Family/Surname _____ First/Given _____ Middle _____

Gender: ___ Male ___ Female Date of Birth: ___ / ___ / ___ Country of Citizenship _____
Month Day Year

Country of Birth _____ City of Birth _____

Permanent Address Outside of the U.S. – you must provide your full physical address in your home country

Street Address: _____

City _____ State/Province/Territory _____

Country _____ Postal Code _____

Personal Email Address (required) _____

Please **do not** provide a school, family, or agent email address.

Telephone Number outside the US (including country code) (+ _____) _____

Telephone Number inside the US (if available) (_____) _____

Have you submitted a petition for US Permanent Residency or do you have a pending I-485? Yes ___ No ___

Do you have an application pending at a USCIS Service Center to request a status other than F-1? Yes ___ No ___
If you answered YES, which status have you requested? _____

F-1 Regulations

F-1 students must enroll in full-time, in-person classes each semester, making continuous progress toward a degree. F-1 students are not permitted to be employed off-campus and must refrain from becoming a financial burden on the American taxpayer, therefore it is important to be fully funded by private sources.

**I understand and agree to abide by all the regulations regarding F-1 student status: _____
Signature

Degree Programs

TCC is authorized by the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) to admit F-1 students and issue the Form I-20 ONLY for the programs listed in Appendix A (pages 8-10).

Write the name & code of your selected program here _____

(NOTE: F-1 students may NOT be issued an I-20 for any of the Health Professions.)

*Applicants wishing to apply to degree programs with a pre-admission designation will be initially issued a General Studies I-20 until the applicant demonstrates that they have met all pre-requisites for these specialized programs.

**Please read the special note about the difference between the various degrees at the top of Appendix A.

F-2 DEPENDENTS: Please list below any dependents (spouse and/or children) seeking F-2 status and provide copies of their passport(s). You must also provide evidence of additional financial support for dependents: \$6,000 for a spouse; \$4,000 for each child. Adult F-2 dependents may enroll only in a part-time course of study (less than 12 credit hours). To enroll in 12 or more credit hours, F-1 status must be obtained. F-2 children may attend public or private school in the United States.

LIST DEPENDENTS SEEKING F-2 STATUS:

Spouse	Child	Child
Family Name _____	Family Name _____	Family Name _____
Given Name _____	Given Name _____	Given Name _____
Date of Birth _____	Date of Birth _____	Date of Birth _____
Place of Birth _____	Place of Birth _____	Place of Birth _____
Citizenship _____	Citizenship _____	Citizenship _____

Add an extra sheet to this application if you need more space. Submit copies of passports for all dependents.

English Proficiency Requirements

For all non-citizens, regardless of native language or country of origin, Tidewater Community College and the Department of Homeland Security require demonstration of some English proficiency for admission, even to English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. Depending on your scores, you may be admitted to the ESL program before being admitted to the degree program.

To demonstrate English proficiency, applicants should schedule a virtual placement test at testing@tcc.edu and provide their scores to ISS as part of their application package.

Alternative means of demonstrating English proficiency:

- A minimum [TOEFL](#) score of 95 iBT. TCC’s TOEFL School Code is 5787.
- An academic [IELTS](#) score of 7.0 or higher
- Successful completion of an ESL program at TCC or other VCCS school
- Official transcripts from an accredited U.S. college/university with a passing grade of C or better for English Composition course (must meet TCC equivalency requirements)
- An SAT English Score of 480 or greater or an ACT English Score of 18 or greater

If you have taken one of the qualifying exams but did not achieve a passing score, please take the Tidewater Community College ESL Placement Test, as directed above. More information about TCC’s English as a Second Language program can be found on our website.

F-1 Transfer/ Change of Status Applicants

PLEASE NOTE: If you are in the United States on a B1/B2 visitor visa or a J-1 exchange visitor visa, Tidewater Community College will not sponsor your change of status request. You must obtain an F-1 visa at a U.S. Consulate.

If you are already in the U.S., what is your current visa status? _____ If your current visa status is not F-1, enter the last day you are authorized to stay in the U.S., as shown on your **Form I-94**.

Are you currently in the United States attending a SEVIS approved school? Yes____ No____

Name of Current School _____ **Location of School** _____

Have you maintained your F-1 status at your current school? Yes ____ No ____

Are you engaged in or have you completed Post Completion OPT? Yes____ No____

*(In order to maintain your current F-1 status, you must ask your current school to release your SEVIS record to Tidewater Community College within 60 days of **either** your program end date or OPT end date. The gap between the TCC program start date and previous program or OPT end date cannot be 5 months or more if you wish to remain in the U.S. during that gap.)*

If you are currently living in the U.S., please print your U.S. mailing address:

Street and apt # City State Zip

CAUTION: If you are a new F-1 student in initial status that just entered the U.S. on another school's I-20, you are legally eligible to transfer from your current school to TCC only if you can complete your admission and begin classes within 30 days of your arrival to the U.S. Please be aware that admission deadlines apply!

NOTE: F-1 transfer students must begin classes within 5 months of the date of last attendance OR program completion date at their current school (whichever date is earlier). If the next available term does **not** begin within 5 months of your date of last attendance or program completion date at your current school, you may be required to depart the U.S. and re-enter the country in initial status to begin your new program. When your admission to TCC pursuant to an I-20 is complete and your SEVIS record is released to TCC, you must report to International Student Services within 15 days of the program start date indicated on your I-20 to complete your transfer.

Emergency Contact Information

In case of a severe illness or other emergency circumstance, I wish the following person to be contacted:

Emergency Contact _____ **Address** _____

Telephone _____ **Relationship to You** _____

Email Address _____

Signing this statement is optional, but your permission is strongly recommended to allow us to assist you in an emergency. I hereby grant full authority to the International Student Services (ISS) staff and/or their designate to obtain and/or release any educational, medical, or other necessary information concerning me to my family, government, or similar person or agency if it is deemed to be necessary to protect my financial, legal, medical, or personal interests. I also grant the ISS staff the permission to obtain necessary medical care for me should I be unable to grant the required permission. I understand that a record of all such releases will be kept and that this authority will remain in effect unless revoked by me in writing.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

****Digital Signatures apply once the form is submitted to TCC**

Health Insurance Requirements

Medical and hospitalization expenses are very costly in the United States. Therefore, all TCC F-1 students must carry health insurance for themselves and all dependents in F-2 status. Evidence of health insurance coverage for the entire semester must be submitted during the student's first week of classes and must be **continuously** maintained the entire time that the student studies at TCC, even during the summer. Approved insurance policies must meet minimum requirements as specified below:

- Medical benefits of at least \$100,000 per accident or illness; pregnancy and prescription coverage; emergency room coverage to the full benefit of the policy.
- Repatriation of remains in the amount of \$25,000.
- Expenses associated with the medical evacuation to the student's home country in the amount of \$25,000.
- A deductible not to exceed \$300 per accident or illness.
- A provision for co-insurance/co-payment of not more than 25% of the covered benefits per accident or illness.

**Students who enter the United States with government health insurance policies must provide International Student Services with a detailed description of policy benefits, in English, to demonstrate that the policy benefits meet the above requirements.*

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

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Financial Requirements

F-1 applicants must provide evidence that sufficient funds are available to cover all educational and living expenses while studying at TCC. Financial support must meet or exceed TCC's estimated costs identified below:

Estimated Annual Expenses		Summer tuition is not included. Actual living expenses may be higher/lower based on utilities and personal spending habits.
Tuition (Fall & Spring)	\$ 10,050	
Books & Supplies	\$ 1,500	
Room & Board	\$ 13,375	
Personal Expenses	\$ 6,875	
Health Insurance	\$ 1,200	
TOTAL	\$33, 000	Additional funds required for F-2 Dependents: Spouse: \$6,000; Child: \$4,000

****Tuition rates are subject to change without notice.** TCC is non-residential community college; no on-campus student housing is available. You will be responsible for making your own living arrangements.

Financial Aid and scholarships are not available to international students. Please plan your finances carefully so that you have funding from reliable sources for the duration of your degree.

I understand that, as an F-1 student, I must enroll in a full course of study and abide by all F-1 regulations. I also understand that if tuition payment(s) is/are not made in accordance with published payment deadlines, I will be dropped from my classes, which could result in a violation and termination of my F-1 visa status.

I also attest that I have read and understand all of the information contained within the pages of this application and that all information provided therein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature _____ **Date** _____

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Financial Affidavit of Support

Applicants must provide satisfactory evidence that they have, or have access to, adequate funds to cover a year's worth of their living and study-related expenses. Acceptable financial documents must have been issued by the financial institution(s) within 6 months of the date this affidavit is submitted and must consist of liquid assets that are available in non-retirement or non-restricted funds. Financial sponsorship may come from a parent, family member, or any other individual who will be providing you with the support outlined above. Financial sponsorship is an attestation to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Department of State for the purposes of obtaining a visa to the United States. It is illegal to engage in fraud. **Each financial sponsor should complete their own copy of the section below.**

I, _____, hereby certify that I am willing and able to provide
Sponsor's full name

_____ support in the amount of \$ _____ U.S. Dollars to cover

the living and study expenses incurred by _____ during the length of the
Student's full name

study program of to which their application pertains. My relationship to the student is that of

_____. I have authorized the release of my accompanying financial
father/mother/family friend/etc

documents to verify that the promised financial resources are available to me. I understand that

this affidavit will be used by the student for the purpose of obtaining/maintaining an F-1 visa or

F-1 status. I also understand that F-1 students must enroll in a full course of study and that if

tuition payment(s) is/are not made in accordance with published payment deadlines, the student

will be dropped from classes, which could result in a violation of their F1 visa status. I affirm that I

know and understand the contents and risks of this affidavit and that the statements are true and

correct.

Sponsor's Signature _____ **Date** _____

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APPENDIX A

SEVP-Approved Degree Programs Tidewater Community College

****PLEASE NOTE:** Not all degree programs will transfer to a 4-year university. If you plan to complete the first two years of a bachelor's degree at TCC (you intend to continue your education and obtain a bachelor's degree), you will need to select an AA or AS degree program, or discuss the transferability of other majors with an academic adviser. Degree programs in the Applied Arts, Applied Sciences, or Applied Fine Arts MAY transfer to particular universities, but not all will transfer. Many of our degree programs are considered "terminal", in other words, they prepare you to obtain a job immediately after the 2-year degree, and they do not necessarily prepare you to continue your education at the bachelor's degree level.

English as a Second Language (ESL)

English Language Training (ESL) (32.0109)

Associates of Arts (A.A.) -- (prepares you for a bachelor's degree)

Liberal Arts (24.0103)

Associates of Science (A.S.) -- (prepares you for a bachelor's degree)

Business Administration (52.0201)

Computer Science (11.0701)

Engineering (14.0101)

General Studies (24.0102)

General Studies Specialization: Professional Communication (24.0102)

General Studies Specialization: Teacher Preparation

Science (30.0101)

Social Sciences (45.0101)

Associates of Applied Arts (A.A.A.) -- may transfer to particular universities

Studio Arts (50.9999)

Studio Arts Specialization: Glass (50.9999)

Studio Arts Specialization: Photographic Media Arts (50.9999)

Studio Arts Specialization: Pre-Art Therapy (50.9999)

Associate of Fine Arts (A.F.A.) -- may transfer to particular universities

Music (50.0901)

Associates of Applied Science (A.A.S.) -- may transfer to particular universities

Accounting (52.0399)

Administrative Support Technology (52.0499)

American Sign Language (16.1603)

Computer-Aided Drafting and Design (CADD) (15.1302)

Computer-Aided Drafting and Design (CADD) Specialization: Architectural Design (15.1302)

Civil Engineering Technology (15.0201)

Criminal Justice (43.0103)

Criminal Justice Specialization: Forensic Science (43.0103)

Criminal Justice Specialization: Homeland Security (43.0103)

Criminal Justice Specialization: Public Law (43.0103)

Culinary Arts (12.0500)

Cyber Security (11.1003)

Early Childhood Development (19.0709)

Electrical Technology Specialization: Fiber and Data Cabling (46.0302)

Electrical Technology Specialization: Industrial and Business Management (46.0302)

Electrical Technology Specialization: Occupational Safety (46.0302)

Electrical Technology Specialization: Programming and Logic Control (46.0302)

Electrical Technology Specialization: Renewable Energy Technologies (46.0302)

Electronics Technology (47.0105)

Fire Science Technology (43.0203)

Funeral Service (12.0301)

Graphic Design (50.0401)

Graphic Design Specialization: Advertising Design (50.0401)

Graphic Design Specialization: Digital Media (50.0401)

Horticulture (01.0601)

Hospitality Management (52.0901)

Hospitality Management Specialization: Event Planning (52.0901)

Hospitality Management Specialization: Food Service Management (52.0901)
Human Services (51.1599)
HVAC and Refrigeration (47.0201)
Industrial Technology (15.0699)
Industrial Technology Specialization: Manufacturing Engineering (15.0699)
Industrial Technology Specialization: Industrial Supervision (15.0699)
Industrial Technology Specialization: Occupational Safety (15.0699)
Industrial Technology Specialization: Quality Assurance (15.0699)
Industrial Technology Specialization: Industrial Maintenance Technology (15.0699)
Information Systems Technology Specialization: Database Specialist (11.0101)
Information Systems Technology Specialization: Geographic Information Systems (GIS) (11.0101)
Information Systems Technology Specialization: Network Administration (11.0101)
Information Systems Technology Specialization: Network Infrastructure Specialist (11.0101)
Information Systems Technology Specialization: Programming & Mobile App Development (11.0101)
Information Systems Technology Specialization: Web Development (11.0101)
Interior Design (50.0408)
Mechanical Engineering Technology (15.0899)
Management (52.0299)
Management Specialization: Maritime Logistics (52.0299)
Management Specialization: Small Business Management and Entrepreneurship (52.0299)
Maritime Technologies Specialization: CAD (47.0000)
Maritime Technologies Specialization: Electrical (47.0000)
Maritime Technologies Specialization: HVAC (47.0000)
Maritime Technologies Specialization: Inside Machinist (47.0000)
Maritime Technologies Specialization: Mechanical (47.0000)
Maritime Technologies Specialization: Occupational Safety (47.0000)
Maritime Technologies Specialization: Pipefitter (47.0000)
Maritime Technologies Specialization: Structural (47.0000)
Maritime Technologies Specialization: Trades Technician (47.0000)
Mechatronics (15.0613)
Paralegal Studies (22.0302)