



## **INTERNATIONAL F-1 VISA STUDENT ADMISSION POLICY**

The Edison State College international student admissions policy includes the following requirements:

1. A completed Edison State admissions application form. New students must pay an application fee at the time of application. Application fee for F-1 International Student Visa applicants is \$60.00.
2. A minimum score of 79 (Internet-based) or 550 (paper-based), on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). This test is given in countries throughout the world. Testing information is available from TOEFL, Box 899, Princeton, NJ 08541, USA., and United States Embassies or Consulates\*
3. A statement of financial resource available to support the student(s) educational and living costs in the U.S. (Must be in English and U.S. dollars).
4. Transcripts of previous secondary and post secondary education, evidence of completion of secondary education, or equivalent, submitted with an official English translation certified by an U.S. Embassy or Consulate official.

The above required information is to be received by the Lee, Collier or Charlotte campus Registrar's Office at least ninety (90) days in advance of the beginning of the term of intended enrollment. Applicants, who do not complete the College admissions requirements in time for their expected term of enrollment, will be required to wait for the next term for admissions consideration.

**\*ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY:** Registration and placement into courses and programs is dependent upon English language proficiency, advisement, and counseling, assessment/placement testing and course or program requirements. College reconfirmation testing to determine English language proficiency determines final placement into courses. Students who score below 61 (Internet-based) or 500 (paper-based) will not be admitted into College level courses. Required English language proficiency training may add up to two additional years of study prior to completing the regular two year associate degree program requirements.

## **IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL F-1 VISA STUDENT INFORMATION**

- I. International applicants are required to comply with all College admissions requirements as stated above before they will be admitted to Edison State College.
- II. Admitted students should arrive in the United States approximately two weeks prior to the first term of enrollment. A College academic calendar gives specific dates and activities. Early arrival is necessary so the student may locate housing, provide a local address to the College, participate in new student orientation, English language reconfirmation testing, advisement and counseling assessment and registration into courses.
- III. The College does not provide or recommend housing, and two to three months rent in advance may be required for housing in the community. Students must have sufficient funds to cover all expenses while in the United States. Students without sufficient funds will not be permitted to register for courses until the required funds are available.
- IV. International students on an F-1 visa are normally admitted to the United States for the entire time estimated by the College for student to complete his or her approved program of study. International visa students must fulfill the following conditions:
  - a) Pursue a full course of study at the educational institution they are authorized to attend
  - b) Do not transfer schools or work off campus without Immigration and Naturalization Service's permission.
  - c) Keep a current passport that is valid for at least six months into the future.
  - d) Maintain Health Insurance through the Mega Life & Health Insurance Company.
- V. All Edison State College students are required to abide by the policies, regulations and rules of the College, and the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

\* Please note F-1 students will always be considered a resident of their home country and will not be eligible for in-state tuition rates.