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Students begin the admissions process by contacting the Admissions Office located on the first floor of the Activity Center. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and by appointment. Special visitation days are held periodically throughout the year.

Special Visitation Days

- **Frame Your Future**
Held the first Friday of most months. Students will learn about NIACC programs, visit with instructors in the department they are interested in, tour the campus and housing facilities and have an opportunity to meet and visit with current students. Registration required, please call the Admissions Office or register on-line at www.niacc.edu/admissions/campusvisit.html.

November 4
December 2
February 3
March 3
April 7

- **Saturday Visits**
The Admissions Office will be open for individual appointments on the following Saturdays. Please call to make an appointment.

November 12
January 21
February 18
March 25
April 22

For more information, call 641-422-4245 or 1-888-GO NIACC, Extension 4245, or visit our web site at www.niacc.edu/admissions/campusvisit.html.

Applying to the College

North Iowa Area Community College is an "open door" public two-year college. Generally, students will not encounter any problems in being admitted, but they must complete certain admissions steps. (Please note that admission to the College does not ensure admission to all programs offered.)

All application materials are to be submitted to the Admissions Office, North Iowa Area Community College, 500 College Drive, Mason City, Iowa 50401. You may also complete an on-line application (www.niacc.edu).

1. Carefully complete the NIACC Application for Admission. Note that a social security number is required on the application. Once accepted, you will receive a student identification number.
2. Submit a high school transcript or GED scores with the application. (Upon graduation a student should submit a final transcript.) [If a student does not have a high school diploma or equivalent, contact the College to find out how we can help him/her earn one. A student will be allowed to take courses for one semester while obtaining the GED. The student will not be eligible for financial aid during the semester he/she is completing the GED.]

3. An assessment of skills and abilities is required as part of the registration process. Students may either submit their American College Test (ACT) scores or complete the COMPASS assessment at NIACC. COMPASS assessment is provided in Hampton, Charles City, Lake Mills, and Garner on a regular basis. Call the Admissions Office to schedule the COMPASS assessment.

See pages 182-183 for the Course Placement Information Chart.

4. If students have earned credits at another college, they must have their transcript(s) forwarded to NIACC.

Note: Students applying for the Associate Degree Nursing, Practical Nursing, LPN to ADN, Medical Lab Technician, or Physical Therapist Assistant need to complete a specific packet of application materials available from the Student Services Office in the Administration Building, Room 104. Please call 641-422-4207 or 1-888-GO NIACC, Ext. 4207, for more information.

High school students may enroll in both high school and college classes provided their high school has knowledge of this concurrent enrollment. Whether these courses receive high school credit is entirely at the discretion of the high school administration. Post-secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) classes are another option for top high school juniors and seniors (ask your high school counselor for more information.)

International Students

International students who desire admission are sent an on-campus international student admission packet. A TOEFL score of 500 is required as evidence of command of the English language to profit from the curriculum. Also, evidence of adequate financial resources is required of all international students. All required documents must be returned with the \$50 application fee before issuance of Forms I-20A and B (Immigration Certificate of Acceptance). Contact the Admissions Office for an international student admissions packet.

International students who will be enrolled in on-line classes only at North Iowa Area Community College **will not** be required to complete the International student admissions packet, submit their TOEFL score or pay the \$50 application fee. Any international student who will be taking a combination of on-line and on-campus classes will need to follow the application process for on-campus international students.

New Student Registration

A registration date will be established according to the date the application is received. On your scheduled registration day, you will learn about programs and services available, schedule classes, and arrange payment options. All items listed under Applying to the College must be on file by your registration day or it will delay the registration process.

Orientation

All new and transfer students who are entering NIACC for the first time and who intend to take day classes are required to attend a new student orientation. During orientation students learn about NIACC policies and procedures, academic requirements, faculty expectations, and are given information about financing their education, student housing, and student activities. Students will also learn how to adapt to their new college environment.