



# Admissions

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## Admissions

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/admission/campusvisit.html](http://www.niacc.edu/admission/campusvisit.html).

November 5, 2010  
December 3, 2010  
February 4, 2011  
March 4, 2011  
April 1, 2011

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

January 22, 2011  
February 19, 2011  
March 26, 2011  
April 16, 2011

For more information, call 641-422-4245 or 1-888-GO NIACC, Extension 4245, or visit our web site at [www.niacc.edu/admission/campusvisit.html](http://www.niacc.edu/admission/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](http://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. Call the Admissions Office to schedule the COMPASS assessment.

See pages 200-201 for the Course Placement Information Chart.

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

Note: Students applying for the Associate Degree Nursing; Practical Nursing; LPN to ADN; Physical Therapist Assistant; Information Systems Technology; or Visual Communication Programs need to review the catalog for specific program requirements.

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 (or 80 on the Internet-based version) 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, or visit our web site at [www.niacc.edu/admission/international.html](http://www.niacc.edu/admission/international.html).

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

Registration information will be mailed in May to students who have indicated a Fall start term on their application for admission; and students indicating a Spring (January) start will receive the information in December. This information is sent out in the order that applications for admissions are received. Selecting a date for your registration can be made on-line or by phone. 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 our registration day or it will delay the registration process. Summer students need to check our web site: [www.niacc.edu/summer](http://www.niacc.edu/summer) for registration information and instructions.



### **Orientation**

All first-time, full-time students and transfer students with less than 12 hours of credit are required to register for SDV-199, Orientation to College. The purpose of the course is to familiarize NIACC students with student systems like Web Advisor, student e-mail, and other campus resources. This online class is a pass/no pass course. Students are expected to complete all sections prior to the Wednesday before mid-term of the semester.