



North Iowa Area Community College
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INFORMATION
2023 – 2024

North Iowa Area Community College is happy to hear of your interest in our school. In order to consider your application we must receive the following:

- 1) Application for admission; (May be completed on line-- <http://www.niacc.edu>)
- 2) A \$150 (U. S.) non-refundable processing fee, **THIS FEE WILL BE ADDED TO YOUR NIACC BILL.**
- 3) Copy of Passport
- 4) A personal information sheet; (May be completed on line-- <http://www.niacc.edu/admissions/international-students/apply-international-students/>)
- 5) An official copy of your high school transcript (**sent directly from your high school**). If you have attended college, you must have official college transcript(s) sent directly from your college. All such transcripts must be translated and notarized if in other than the English language.
- 6) If you have taken the ACT or SAT, please provide us these test scores, **IF NOT, that is fine, you will take placement exams online, prior to arrival, before registering for classes, communicate with Valeria.Gonzalez@niacc.edu and she will email instructions to you.**
- 7) A bank statement showing a balance with sufficient funds to cover the cost of attendance for two (2) semesters (not including scholarships) and/or other official financial documents that would show such funds and an affidavit of support completed by person(s) legally responsible for all payment. (Two (2) semesters equals one (1) academic year.) A budget with the cost of attendance is below.
Please note: All international students are required to pay a \$2000 deposit prior to enrolling in classes their first semester. **The \$2000 deposit will be put towards your tuition and fees.** A payment arrangement can be made for remaining balance each semester, but must be paid in full prior to enrolling for following semester. **See attached Affidavit of Support.** Please complete and submit and provide a bank statement (or other official financial documents) showing sufficient funds to cover the cost of attendance for two (2) semesters (not including scholarships) and an affidavit of support completed by person(s) legally responsible for all payment. (Two (2) semesters equals one (1) academic year.)
- 8) Proof of English proficiency is required. Please see the information listed below.
- 9) Student Transfer Form (completed **ONLY** by students transferring-in to NIACC from another college/university in the US.

If your application for Admission is Approved, complete the following:

- 10) Complete Housing Application Online (<https://www.niacc.edu/student-life/housing/apply-for-housing/>) and Pay the \$250 Housing Maintenance Fee by emailing Tim.Staudt@niacc.edu for instructions.
- 11) Complete the NIACC Foundation Scholarship Application: **Priority Deadline is, March 1st.** https://niacc.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com/CMXAdmin/Cmx_Content.aspx?cpId=388

The above information should be sent to:

Josie Popp
North Iowa Area Community College
500 College Drive
Mason City IA 50401
Email: Josie.Popp@niacc.edu

When all of the above items (1-9), as applicable, have been received, your application will be evaluated. A decision will be reached regarding your acceptance for admission at NIACC. It may take at least three (3) months to process your application. If you are granted admission at NIACC, you will receive Form I-20 A-B to be completed and presented to the American Consular Office at the time of your Visa application and to the Immigration Office upon your arrival in the United States.

Prior to your Visa being issued, you are required to complete an I-901 form and pay a SEVIS fee of \$350 @ www.FMJFEE.com. Complete the Form DS160 @ www.travel.state.gov and schedule your Visa Interview with your consulate/embassy website.

All International Students are **REQUIRED** to enroll in health insurance through 1st Agency, Inc. upon enrollment in courses at North Iowa Area Community College. The Student Development Office Manager will enroll **ALL** international students at the beginning of each semester. The insurance costs are added onto the fall and spring bills and are paid automatically through NIACC. NIACC's 1st Agency Plan Summary and Claim Forms may be found at: <http://www.1stagency.com/> There is **NO EXCEPTION** to this rule.

English Proficiency Admission Requirements

Prospective students from one of the following countries where English is the native language are not required to submit proof of English proficiency: Australia, Canada, Commonwealth Caribbean countries (Anguilla, Antigua, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Trinidad and Tobago, and Turks and Caicos Islands), Ireland, New Zealand, Nigeria, United Kingdom (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales) and United States.

Students who have successfully completed the high school core requirements in or graduated from high school where English is the primary language or who have completed 24 college/university credit hours in an English-speaking country are also not required to submit proof of English proficiency.

For all other applicants: English Proficiency Requirements for Admission are either submission of **TOEFL – Test of English as a Foreign Language** or **IELTS – International English Language Testing System**, **EIKEN – Test in Practical English Proficiency (Japan)**, **SEPT—SAKAE English Proficiency Test (Japan)**, **GTEC-CBT—Global Test of English Communication Computer Based Test**, or **Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic**

The following English Proficiency scores are **required** for admittance:

	Minimum Scores
TOEFL - -Internet-based test	60
TOEFL - -Paper-based test	490
IELTS test	5.5
EIKEN Grade	2A
SEPT – SAKAE Score	5
GTEC CBT Score	975
Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic	44

ESTIMATED BUDGET - Two Semesters (9 months)			
DIRECT COSTS			
College Application Processing Fee (non-refundable)			\$150.00
Student Housing Application & Maintenance Fee			\$250.00
Contact Tim Staudt in the Business Office to make ALL payments on your NIACC Bill: Tim.Staudt@niacc.edu			
COLLEGE FEES – Payable to NIACC	Semester 1	Semester 2	Total
Tuition and Fees (Based on full-time 16 s.h.)*	\$4,930.08	\$4,930.08	\$9860.16
Health Insurance (1 st Agency Plan) Geo Blue	\$825.00	\$825.00	\$1,650.00
Student Housing (Room and Board – Dbl Suite)***	\$3,744.00	\$3,744.00	\$7,488.00
NIACC OneCard	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$150.00
Total College Fees	\$9,574.08	\$9,574.08	\$19,148.16
INDIRECT COSTS			
Books and Supplies (Estimated – book prices vary each semester)			\$1,000.00
Personal expenses, Clothing, Entertainment, Extra Food, etc			\$350.00
Total Other Expenses			\$1,350.00
Grand Total			\$20,498.16

Items to consider that may alter costs:

*This is just an estimate of costs/expenses. Changing credit hours, taking developmental courses, and adding/dropping classes may impact costs. The need for developmental courses depends on placement test scores. 62 credits are needed to graduate, not including any developmental coursework.

** All International students are initially assigned to our most affordable housing option and that cost is reflected in the estimated budget. If a student elects a different room option, Student Housing costs will vary depending on room type selected.

***Housing, Tuition and Fees are adjusted each calendar year and are subject to change at any time.

****Payment in full is required at the start of each semester, a \$2,000 deposit (that will go towards tuition and fees) by August 1 and a four-month payment plan, is possible, for the remaining balance of the semester, by making arrangements with the NIACC Business Office. Contact Tim Staudt to make payment arrangements at: Tim.Staudt@niacc.edu. **Students will not be allowed to register for classes for the next semester, until their current bill is paid in full.**

For more information, please contact Valeria.Gonzalez@niacc.edu or Josie.Popp@niacc.edu