Admission Policy for International Students

LFCC is authorized by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to enroll nonimmigrant international students. It is the policy of the College to admit qualified international students already residing in the service area. If an applicant requires a student visa status (F1), the prerequisites listed below must be met to issue a certificate of eligibility for student visa status (I-20 form).

An applicant must:
- be in the United States at the time of application to the College
- submit documentation of eligibility for admission, including the following items:
  a) the equivalent of an American high school diploma
  b) official transcripts and records of previous educational experiences translated into English and certified by the institution attended
  c) verification of financial support
  d) an “official” TOEFL score of at least 500 (173 on computerized version)
  e) documentation of possessing, or be in the process of obtaining, personal health insurance coverage for the period of time the applicant expects to be enrolled at the College

Students who are I-20 applicants must ensure that all required documents and test scores arrive at least 60 days prior to the beginning of classes for the semester. A form I-20 is issued when:
- the required documentation is received
- the student is admitted for full-time enrollment
- the student is placed in a degree program

If an individual already has F-1 status but wishes to transfer to LFCC, the applicant must first complete one satisfactory term at the school issuing the I-20. If individuals hold another type of visa, or need further information about student visas, they should contact the Admissions and Records Office.