Dear Prospective Transfer Student:

Thank you for your interest in North Lake College. The documents listed on the next page must be submitted to the International Center in order to be considered for admission. An I-20 for an F-1 visa will be issued only after ALL the documents have been submitted and evaluated by the International Center. Please do not send documents separately. Incomplete applications are not accepted or processed. Allow a minimum of three weeks for processing of the application. International Students CANNOT USE THE NORTH LAKE COLLEGE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM or APPLYTEXAS.com

It is imperative that you list your OFFICIAL NAME on the applications as it appears on your passport and/or your birth certificate. The information on the applications will be used to create your permanent academic record with North Lake College and your immigration record with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Inconsistencies could lead to problems with obtaining a visa and delays in entering the United States to begin studies.

Read and follow the application procedure carefully. To ensure an efficient application process, all forms must be filled in properly and all requested documentation must be submitted in your admissions packet.

We look forward to serving you at North Lake College.

International Center
North Lake College
North Lake College
International Center, Suite A418
5001 N. MacArthur Blvd
Irving, TX 75038
nlcintl@dcccd.edu
972-273-3155
Thank you for your interest in **North Lake College**. The documents listed below must be submitted to the International Center in order to be considered for admission. An I-20 and/or Acceptance Letter will be issued only after **ALL the documents have been submitted in one packet and evaluated by the International Center.**

All of the requirements must be met for admissions before submitting the completed package. Allow a minimum of **three weeks** for processing of the application after we have received your required documents.

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Please include this form as the cover page to your application package. Incomplete applications will not be accepted or processed.

The application package may be turned in directly to the International Office, mailed to North Lake College, International Center 5001 N. MacArthur Blvd., Suite A418, Irving, TX 75038, or emailed to **NLCINTL@dcccd.edu**.

All materials submitted through **nlcintl@dcccd.edu** MUST be a scanned copy from original and in PDF format.

I attest that all the documents above required are included in my application package.  Initials __________

Student Signature: ________________________________  Date: __________

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**Required Checklist for College Level Transfer Applicants**

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1. **APPLICATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSION**

   The information on the application should match your passport. Please write clearly to speed up processing time. The email account will be the method of communication for the Admissions Team, please make sure is an active account.

2. **PROOF OF ENGLISH PROFICIENCY**

   - TOEFL Score: 530 (paper and pencil version) 197 (computerized version) or 71 (internet version). The Educational Testing Service must send your score directly to North Lake College. North Lake’s institution code is 6519. The departmental code is 00.
   - IELTS Score of 6.0 or higher. The British Council must send your score directly to North Lake College. North Lake’s institution code is 6519. The departmental code is 00.
   - IBT. Score of 5.5 or higher If you meet one of the following criteria, you will be exempt from the TOEFL requirement for admissions
     - You are a native of speaker of English from a country in which English is the primary language of the majority as documented by the Cambridge Encyclopedia of Languages. (Anguilla, Australia, The Bahamas, Antigua & Barbuda, Belize, Bermuda, Canada, Grenadines & Saint Vincent, Great Britain including Scotland, Grenada, Guyana, The Irish Republic, Jamaica, Montserrat, Nevis & Saint Kitts, New Zealand, Trinidad & Tobago) or
     - You have an official transcript from an accredited college or university in the United States showing a grade of C or better for English 1301 or the equivalent; or
     - You can present documented completion of the final level of an intensive English program that is approved by the DCCCD through an established agreement; or
     - You have met TSI requirement in reading and writing through THEA, Accuplacer, ACT, SAT or other approved test.

3. **HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS**

   Must submit copies of transcripts from each foreign high school attended.

4. **OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS**

   Must be submitted from each United States college or university attended. Coursework completed outside of the United States will require a course by course credential evaluation from an approved DCCCD evaluation service if credit is desired. Information regarding credential evaluators is available at the International Center.

5. **EVIDENCE OF SUFFICIENT SUPPORT FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR**

   United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) regulations require non-immigrant students to verify that they will have the necessary funds available to pay for all educational and living expenses as an F-1 student. Students will need to provide a financial statement with supporting bank documents. All financial and supporting documents must be issued within the last three months.

   The following documents are required from the sponsor:
• **Non U. S. Sponsorship Form (If the sponsor lives outside of the United States) OR Self Sponsorship Form.** Original Bank letter issued within the last three months reflecting a minimum ending balance of $18,000 US dollars.

• **If Sponsor Lives in the United States**, Sponsor must submit Form I-134 (Affidavit of Support [http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/files/form/i-134.pdf](http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/files/form/i-134.pdf)), a copy of most recent W-2 form, tax return, or employment verification letter including annual salary is required, and original bank letter issued within the last three months reflecting a minimum ending balance of $18,000 US dollars.

6. **HEALTH RECORD**

International students must provide official written medical **proof of freedom from tuberculosis** through either a negative Mantoux tuberculin skin test or results of a chest X-ray that was **given in the United States within the last year** and must show proof of meningitis vaccination within the last five years. Record must be in English (if not in English, must be translated). The DCCCD does recommend that all prospective students have adequate immunizations for diphtheria; rubeola, rubella, mumps; tetanus and poliomyelitis (see Texas Department of Health's Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule).

7. **TRANSFER STATUS FORM**

This form must be completed by the advisor of the school last authorized to attend in the United States.

8. **IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS**

Must provide copies of:

- I-20 copies from all the previous college (1st and 2nd pages)
- Passport, valid for at least six (6) months. (Identification and expiration date pages.)
- US. Visa
- I-94 from [https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/](https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/)

If you have dependents please also attach their immigration document copies.

**HEALTH INSURANCE IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**

Insurance brochures are available.
APPLICATION DEADLINES and FINANCIAL GUIDE

***Embassies in certain countries require additional processing time for visas, so it is urgent that applications for admission be received in a timely manner.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

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* Deadlines falling on non-business days will be extended to the next business day.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FINANCIAL GUIDE

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*Students are expected to pay tuition in full upon registration.

These are average cost figures of an Academic year expenses (estimated average expenses for 12 month academic year). This amount is for a single student living away from home and may vary according to individual circumstances. Additional financial support must be shown for dependents.

DEPENDENTS

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Semester and year you plan to enroll:
Fall (Aug. – Dec.) _______  Spring (Jan. – May) _______  Summer (Jun. – Jul.) _______

(Please print all information clearly, exactly as it appears on passport)

1._________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Family Name___________________________________________________________________________
First Name___________________________________________________________________________
Middle Name_________________________________________________________________________
Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yyyy) ____________/_____________/_____________
Gender: Male______ Female______

Country of Birth: ____________________________________________
Country of Citizenship: _________________________________________

Email Address: _______________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________

2. Are you currently in the U.S.?  Yes ___  No ___

If yes, state your current immigration status (F1, J1, etc.) _____________ and enclose copies of your immigration
documents (I-94, I-20, I-797, etc.)

3. U.S. Address (Required if currently in the United States):
Address: ____________________________________________________________________________
City: ________________________________  State: _____________________________  Zip Code: ____________
Home Phone: __________________________  Cell Phone: ________________________________

4. Home Country Address (Required):
Address: ____________________________________________________________________________
City: ________________________________  State/Province: _________________________________
Postal Code: _________________________  Country: ________________________________
Home Phone: __________________________  Cell Phone: ________________________________

5. Major/Field of Study (Required): ______________________________________________________

6. Dependent Information (Please Print Clearly). Dependent is defined as spouse or child of F-1 student.

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7. Friend or relative who has permission to discuss your file or to pick up your I-20:

Name of Friend/Relative: ______________________________________________________________________________________________________

Relationship to Student: ________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: __________________________ Zip Code: __________

Home Phone: __________________________ Cell Phone: __________________________

8. Address if I-20 / acceptance letter is to be mailed in U.S. (DCCCD does not send documents by courier service):

Name: ___________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State/Province: __________________________

Email: __________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

9. High School Information:

Name of High School Attended ________________________________________________________________________________________________

City __________________________ Country __________________________ Graduation (Month/Year): ___ / ___

10. Emergency Contact Info in Home Country:

Name (LAST, First): ____________________________________________________________________ Relationship: _______________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State/Province: __________________________

Postal Code: __________________________ Country: __________________________

Home Phone: __________________________ Cell Phone: __________________________

Email Address of emergency contact: __________________________

Does this person speak English? Yes ☐ No ☐ If no, what language? __________________________

IMPORTANT! Please read before signing:

For your privacy, FERPA regulations prohibit us from discussing your file or releasing your I-20, documents, etc., to anyone other than you, the student. A Proxy Release of Student Information form (included in this packet – page 12 – for additional information) can be completed with the required permission and your signature so that certain paperwork can be released. Health Insurance is strongly recommended. Upon arrival, you may request a brochure with insurance policy information from the International Center. Permission for Emergency Treatment: In the event of an emergency illness, accident, or injury, I hereby grant permission for the DCCCD staff to give first aid and/or to call an ambulance to have me transported to a hospital at my expense.

If you are in the United States on a B-1/2 (Visitor) Visa status, or any other status that does not permit you to study, we do not accept applications for Change of Status purposes. You will be required to return to your home country to apply for an F-1 (International Student) visa.

Any falsification of any information is grounds for denial, withdrawal or cancellation of an application and/or admission.

I attest that all the information that I have given is the best to my knowledge. Initials __________

Student Signature: __________________________ Date: __________
Name of Applicant: ________________________________________________________________________________________________

I, _________________________________________________________________, am the ______________________________________of
(name of Sponsor)            (relationship)

Mr./Mrs./Ms. __________________________________________________ who has applied for admission at North Lake
(name of applicant)

College to pursue a major in ____________________________________________________.
(Field of Study)

I will meet all educational, living, and miscellaneous expenses of the said applicant.

I have attached a recent bank statement or bank letter for the last 3 months reflecting a minimum ending balance of $18,000 U.S. dollars. (Please see general information regarding additional funds required for any dependents).

A minimum of $4,000 U.S. dollars must be available to the student at the time of initial registration.

OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF SPONSOR

I swear (affirm) that the above statements are true and correct.

Sponsor Signature ________________________________________________    Date___________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________________________________________________

City: _______________________________________________________________            State/Province: ___________________________

Postal Code: ______________________________  Country: _________________________________________________________

Telephone: ________________________________   Email: ___________________________________________________________
I, ____________________________, am a self-sponsored student applicant.

(Name of Applicant)

I presently have the minimum sum of $18,000 U.S. dollars in my checking/savings account to meet my tuition, books, and miscellaneous expenses while attending North Lake College. (Please see general information regarding additional funds required for any dependents.)

I have attached my most recent bank statement or bank letter for the last 3 months reflecting a minimum ending balance of $18,000 U.S. dollars. (Please see general information regarding additional funds required for any dependents).

A minimum of $4,000 U.S. dollars will be available to me at the time of initial registration.

OATH OR AFFIRMATION OF STUDENT

I swear (affirm) that the above statements are true and correct.

Applicant Signature _______________________________ Date___________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State/Province: ___________________________

Postal Code: ________________ Country: _______________________________________

Telephone: ___________________ Email: _________________________________________
Please Note: **This is NOT a SEVIS Release.**

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**This portion to be filled out by the student:**

Student Name ____________________________________________

Last           First                 Middle

SEVIS I-20 Number: __________________________

Anticipated Semester of Transfer: ________________

I give permission to my present school to release the information requested on this form.

______________________________________________
Student Signature                                      Date

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**This portion to be filled out by the Designated School Official:**

*Please mark all statements that are true* about this student:

- [ ] Is currently in good standing with USCIS.
- [ ] Is currently in good standing with this institution. Cumulative GPA____________
- [ ] Has cleared all financial obligations with this institution.
- [ ] Is on academic probation, suspension or dismissal. (Circle all that apply.)
- [ ] Other: __________________________________________________________________________________________

**Students who are out of status or on suspension/dismissal may not be eligible to transfer.**

______________________________________________
Signature of DSO                                      Name and Title of DSO                                      Date

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Name and Address of Institution

______________________________________________
Phone                                    Fax                                    Email

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Tuberculosis testing is mandatory and must be done in the United States.
(Tuberculosis testing done in countries other than the United States will not be accepted.)

Out-of-Country applicant:
Before test assessments and registration in classes will be allowed, you MUST undergo testing for freedom from tuberculosis after you arrive in the United States.

International Transfer Applicant (within the U.S.A.):
Must provide official written medical proof of freedom from tuberculosis, through either negative Mantoux Tuberculin Skin Test or chest X-ray that was given inside the United States within the last one (1) year.

The DCCCD does recommend that all prospective students have adequate immunization for diphtheria, rubeola, rubella, mumps, tetanus and poliomyelitis. (See Texas Department of Health’s Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule in the DCCCD Catalog.)

My dated signature certifies that I have read the above requirements and recommendations and understand what is expected of me.

__________________________________________________________
Printed Name (Last, First, Middle)

_________________________  __________________________
Signature            Date
All new students in the state of Texas under the age of 22 must submit proof of Bacterial meningitis vaccination (Meningococcal Vaccine) or booster within the last five years, before registering for classes. **Vaccination records must be in English.** Proof of the vaccination must include the **physician or health care professional’s signature, the date the vaccination was administered, the medical facility’s stamp and seal, and contact information.** The average cost of the vaccination against the bacterial meningitis is about $140.

You must provide proof of meningitis vaccination, if:
- You are enrolling for the first time at DCCCD
- You are returning after a semester break in enrollment

You are not required to submit evidence of receiving the vaccination against bacterial meningitis, if:
- You are 22 years of age or older by the first day of the semester in which you enroll; or
- You claim a bacterial meningitis vaccine exemption due to health reasons. You must submit an exemption signed by a physician who is duly registered and licensed to practice medicine in the United States, stating in the physician's opinion, the vaccination would be injurious to your health and wellbeing; or
- You declare an exemption from the Texas immunization requirement for bacterial meningitis for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief. You must submit a conscientious exemption form from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DHS).

**Please read more information at:** [www.dcccd.edu/meningitis](http://www.dcccd.edu/meningitis). By signing this form you are agreeing to the following:
- I understand that I will not be allowed to register for classes at North Lake College without the proof of meningitis vaccination.
- I understand that I must obtain the bacterial meningitis vaccination at least 10 days before the first day of classes.

The DCCCD does recommend that all prospective students have adequate immunization for diphtheria, rubeola, rubella, mumps, tetanus and poliomyelitis. (See Texas Department of Health’s Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule in the DCCCD Catalog.)

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I understand that proof of the vaccination must be in English and must include the physician or health care professional's signature, the date the vaccination was administered, the medical facility’s stamp and seal, and contact.

**Printed Name** (Last, First, Middle)  **Signature**  **Date**
IMPORTANT NOTICE: In compliance with FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974), the student must complete this form. For additional information regarding the FERPA confidentiality policy, please visit the U.S. Department of Education website: http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html.

If someone other than the student needs to pick up an I-20 or additional documents, the student must complete this release. Documents will not be released without this Proxy Release.

STUDENT INFORMATION (Please Print):
Name (First/Last): ____________________________________________________________
E-Mail: ___________________________________________________________________
NLC I.D. Number (If any): ____________________________________________________

PROXY INFORMATION (Please Print):
Name (First/Last): ____________________________________________________________
NLC I.D. Number (If any): _____________________________________________________
Current Address: ____________________________________________________________________________
Telephone Number: ___________ E-Mail: ____________________________________________

In order to comply with the federal laws (FERPA) dealing with confidentiality of official student records, this release authorizing a proxy must be completed. To receive materials on behalf of the student, the designated proxy must present this completed form and a photo I.D.

I hereby grant approval to __________________________, until ____________, to serve __________________________ (First/Last Name of Proxy) (end date) as my authorized proxy for the purpose of picking up the I-20 or other documents (as stated above) on my behalf.

Relationship to student (Required) (example: relative, friend, etc.): ______________________

Student Signature Date Proxy Signature Date

Note: The student will be contacted when documents are ready/available for pick up.

Staff Signature Date
Thank you for your interest in North Lake College. Our growing international student population represents more than 80 countries. Choosing a college is an important decision, and there are many reasons why starting your education at a community college may be the best choice. Some of the benefits you will enjoy are:

- Small classes with instructors who make themselves available for help and guidance.
- Lower out-of-country tuition and fees that enable you to avoid the higher costs of other universities.
- Courses that are fully transferable to four-year colleges and universities, as well as a variety of technical/occupational programs that apply to today's workplace.
- An opportunity to live in an exciting metropolitan area featuring many cultural, recreational and intellectual opportunities.

About North Lake College

Opened in 1977, North Lake College occupies 276 wooded acres in the Las Colinas area of Irving. Approximately 6,000 students enroll at the College in each fall and spring semester. Fall semester begins in the last week of August and ends in mid-December. Spring semester begins in mid-January and ends in early May. In addition, two optional summer sessions are offered. North Lake's facilities include a performance hall, a covered natatorium and jogging trail, well-equipped laboratories, studios and learning centers. North Lake College is a member of the Dallas County Community College District, which serves over 50,000 college students on seven campuses throughout Dallas County.

Frequently Asked Questions

**WHAT IS A STUDENT VISA?**

Students who are admitted to North Lake College will receive an I-20 form, an immigration document which is used to apply for an F-1 student visa at a U.S. consulate overseas. This visa is granted to an individual whose purpose is to pursue a full course of study in the U.S., and, upon completion, return to the home country. I-20s for the F-1 visa will be issued only after all documents for admission have been submitted and evaluated by the International Student Advisor. Please refer to the International Admission Packet for more details on admission requirements. After obtaining the I-20, it is the responsibility of the student to arrange necessary immigration and travel arrangements. In order to remain in good standing with the U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS), international students must enroll in and complete a minimum of 12 credit hours each regular semester. A SEVIS fee is required prior to consulate appointment.

**DOES NLC HAVE SUPPORT SERVICES?**

Yes, North Lake College is committed to helping you reach your academic goals. We offer a variety of services to help you reach your potential and be a successful student. The Student Resource Center provides computer facilities, Internet and E-mail access, and a variety of media including books, software and audiotapes to assist instruction. Free tutoring is available for many courses including English and Math. The Library provides students with books, periodicals and reference materials, plus the use of quiet study rooms.

**ARE THERE ANY CLUBS OR ACTIVITIES AT NLC?**

Yes, in addition to your academic pursuits, you will find a variety of social, recreational and cultural activities offered by the college to help you enjoy your experience in the U.S.A.
WHAT KIND OF DEGREES ARE OFFERED AT NLC?

Our college offers an Associate Degree in Arts and Sciences. This is a two-year degree that is transferable to a four-year college or university. This liberal arts degree is recognized throughout the higher education and the business community as equaling the completion of two years of college. In the United States, most Bachelor Degree Programs require two years of “basics” that include core courses such as English, Math, Science, History and Political Science etc. North Lake College offers all the “basics,” which are transferable to other colleges.

ENGLISH IS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE IN MY COUNTRY. DO I STILL NEED TO TAKE TOEFL?

Very few students qualify for an exemption from TOEFL requirements (e.g. students from England, Canada, and Australia). There are many countries in which English is an official language or primary language of instruction; however, the majority of the people speak a language other than English in home. The TOEFL allows us to evaluate English proficiency and give us an indication of how you will perform in a classroom with American students.

HOW MANY CLASSES MUST I TAKE EACH SEMESTER?

All F-1 students must start and complete 12 credits during the fall and spring semesters in order to remain in good standing with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). The number of credits awarded per class varies. In general, students enroll in at least 4 classes per semester. Summer session is optional unless summer is your first semester.

CAN I CHOOSE MY OWN CLASSES?

Upon arrival, all new students take placement tests in reading, writing and math before registering for classes. After testing, an academic advisor will assist you in choosing classes at the appropriate skill level in accordance with your educational plan. For students who intend to transfer to a Bachelor’s degree program, an advisor will help you locate guides to help you choose classes that will be accepted for transfer.

ARE THERE DORMITORIES OR HOSTELS AVAILABLE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS?

North Lake College does not operate any student housing. There are, however, a number of apartment complexes located within a 2-mile radius of the College. These apartments rent for approximately $600-1000 per month, depending on the amenities offered. The cost of rent does not include utilities (e.g. electricity, phone). If you do not have friends or family in the Dallas/Irving area that can provide temporary lodging when you arrive, you will need to bring extra money with you to stay in a hotel until permanent accommodations are established.

HOW WILL I GET TO AND FROM SCHOOL?

Irving has bus service. Full-time students are eligible to get a free bus pass from the transportation department (Dallas Rapid Area Transit – DART) that services the Irving area. If you choose an apartment along the bus route, it is possible to ride the bus to the College. Please visit https://www.dcccd.edu/SS/OnCampus/Discounts/pages/dart-student.aspx for more information.

Students may decide that driving their own car is the most efficient way to get to and from school. Although driving is a convenient way to get around, it is also expensive. You must obtain a license, purchase insurance, have the car inspected for safety; and pay a registration fee annually in addition to the cost of gasoline and maintenance.