INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS

Admission of International Students

Applications and supporting documents must be submitted to the Office of Graduate Studies no later than May 15 for admission the following fall semester, and October 15 for admission the following spring semester.

Applicants whose native language is not English must submit evidence of satisfactory performance on either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing Systems (IELTS - Academic Test). Satisfactory TOEFL scores are 550 for the written exam, 213 for the computer-based exam, and 80 for the Internet-based exam. Satisfactory IELTS - Academic Test scores are at the 6.5 band. Information about the TOEFL exam is available at www.ets.org (http://www.ets.org) and the IELTS - Academic Test at www.ielts.org (http://www.ielts.org).

Students may be required to submit official documentation upon successful completion of our intensive English program, ELS program. For graduate students who receive provisional admission while completing the program, West Chester University reserves the final right and discretion to determine full matriculation as a degree-seeking student regardless of successful completion of the English language program.

The following official education documents must be filed with the Office of Graduate Studies:

1. A completed application.
2. One official transcript evaluation by either the World Educational Services (http://www.wes.org), Education Credential Evaluators, Inc (http://www.ece.org), or any NACES-participating organization (http://www.naces.org).
3. TOEFL or IELTS - Academic Test scores must be sent from the testing agency directly to the Office of Graduate Studies or ESL completion information from the providing agency must be sent directly to the Office of Graduate Studies. After the application is complete, the academic department and the graduate dean will review it. The applicant will be notified of the admission decision via e-mail.
4. A medical history form and an immunization record must be completed by a physician and returned to the Student Health Center, www.wcupa.edu/healthServices.
5. If a student is admitted to a degree program, the University will supply the application for the issuance of the form I-20 for the student visa.

Student Visa

Applicants who require a student visa must indicate this on the application form. Those already in the United States must provide a copy of their current visa. NOTE: The Form I-20 cannot be issued for certificate programs. Certificate programs do not lead toward a degree.

For more visa processing information please visit this site: The Visa Process (https://www.wcupa.edu/international/internationalStudents/wcuI20.aspx)

Proof of Financial Support

International students must provide proof of financial support in the amount of US$28,565 for the first year of study at West Chester University and demonstrate that adequate funding will be available from the same or equally dependable sources for subsequent years. This financial documentation must be received, reviewed, and evaluated as a condition of issuing the Form I-20.

Funds may come from any dependable source, including scholarships, fellowships, sponsoring agencies, personal funds, or funds from the student’s family.