



# **ADMINISTRATIVE** **PROCEDURE**

**5012**

**DESERT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

## **INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

Under United States Department of Homeland Security regulations, College of the Desert is authorized to enroll international students in F-1 visa status for District degree programs and in instruction in the Intensive English Academy. To be considered for admission, an international student must satisfy the following admission requirements and complete the international student application available in the International Education Program office and on the program's website.

The following application materials must be submitted prior to the application deadlines for each program option and term:

- Complete international student application and fee;
- Complete high school graduation transcripts equivalent to an accredited U.S. high school;
- All applicants whose native language is not English must meet the minimal score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or other standardized proficiency test before being admitted to an academic/undergraduate degree program (see current requirements and proficiency options on the International Education Program website); and
- Affidavit of support from a financial sponsor accompanied by a bank statement or other similar document from the sponsor's bank, verifying that sufficient funds are available to meet all of the student's educational and financial needs while attending College of the Desert.

The following additional guidelines apply to enrolling F-1 international students at College of the Desert:

- Upon admission, F-1 students are issued the SEVIS form I-20 for use in obtaining an F-1 visa.
- F-1 international students are required to adhere to all federal regulations regarding their immigration status.
- All F-1 students and dependents must purchase the approved College of the Desert international student medical insurance plan.
- The District will follow all regulations set forth by the United States Department of Homeland Security for institutions enrolling F-1 international students.
- The College of the Desert International Education Program office maintains United States Department of Homeland Security records for all F-1 international students enrolled in the District.

The Board of Trustees will adopt tuition and capital outlay fees annually in accordance with Education Code Section 76140.

**References: Education Code, Sections 76141, 76140, 76000, 76140, and 76142; Title 5, Section 54045; Title 8 U.S.C., Section 1101 et seq.**

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