

Thank you for your interest in Pikes Peak State College!

To attend Pikes Peak State College (PPSC) as an international student, it is necessary for you to obtain an F-1 visa. The first step is to apply for admission. After you apply, you will be contacted by your assigned international representative regarding next steps, which include supplying Pikes Peak State with essential documents for evaluation before we can issue you an I-20. If you are a transfer student, we will need to arrange for your SEVIS record to be transferred to Pikes Peak State after you've been accepted.

Please review the list below and provide us with the requested documents by your intended semester's deadline.

# **I-20 Application Deadlines**

For new F-1 students, an admissions application must be completed, and all required document submitted by:

Fall Semester (August – December): July 1 Spring Semester (January – May): November 15 Summer Semester (May – July): April 1

Note: The deadline for SEVIS transfer students is 2 weeks prior to the first week of classes for the semester.

# **I-20 Application Checklist**

- 1. Pikes Peak State Online Application for Admission.
- 2. Copy of Passport Information Page
- 3. Academic Records. Submit one of the following:
  - o High school transcripts <u>or</u> copy of your diploma or high school equivalency exam
  - College transcripts, if applicable. If you wish to have previous college credit applied towards a
    degree or certificate, an official evaluation of your transcripts must be made by a certified
    International Transcript Evaluation Service.
  - o Please also submit a certified English translation if the documents are not in English.
- 4. I-20 Data Form (will be sent after online application is complete)
- 5. Dependent Information Form, if applicable (will be sent after online application is complete)
- 6. Course Placement Testing
  - All international students must take Math and English placement tests to place into college-level courses before being admitted. There are online options as well as in-person options. (Information will be sent after the online application is complete)
- 7. Proof of English Language Proficiency. Please provide *one* of the following:
  - o Duolingo English Test: Minimum Score of 110

- o TOEFL (IBT): Minimum Score of 80
  - Note: PPSC's institution code for TOEFL is 4291.
- o IELTS: Minimum Score of 6.5
- o TOEIC: Minimum Score of 750
- o Proof of successful completion of an intensive English as a Second Language program
- o Proof of passing an equivalent college-level English course in the U.S.
- o If already in the US, passing score on the English as a Second Language (ESL)- four part Accuplacer Test, taken on-site at Pikes Peak State College.
- o Proof of Coursework Completion with following credentials:
  - ➤ Gambia WAEC/WASSC (Grade of C4 or higher on the English Exam)
  - ➤ UK and UK-style schools: Cambridge GCSE/IGCSE/O-Levels: Grade of C or higher on the English exam (old/letter grading scale) or 4 or higher on the English exam (new/numerical grading scale)
  - ➤ Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education: Grade of B- or higher on the English exam
  - ➤ South Africa: National Senior Certificate: Grade of 60% or higher on the English Home Language exam or National Benchmark Test: Grade of 69 or higher on the English-version Academic Literacy portion

NOTE: Visa-seeking international citizens from these select countries are exempt from providing English Proficiency Test Scores with their application package:

 Antigua & Barbuda, Australia, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Malta, New Zealand, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago, United Kingdom

**ATTENTION:** Pikes Peak State is not issuing I-20's for the ESL program at this time. English proficiency scores must meet the requirement for degree courses without supplemental ESL courses. However, ESL courses can be taken **in addition** to the degree program as long as all requirements of the F-1 visa are met. Please contact your Pikes Peak State international representative for more information.

- 8. Financial Information Form and Guarantor Financial Affidavit (will be sent after online application is complete)
- 9. Official bank statements dated within the last six months showing the minimum required funds for a full year of study plus living expenses. Students must document the following funds:

Required Funds for Academic Year 2022/2023 (Fall or Spring Semester Start - 9 months)	
Single Independent Student	\$33,550 USD
Additional Funds for Dependents	\$5,000 for a spouse and \$3,750 for each child
Student with Sponsor for Housing in the US*	\$20,950 USD

<sup>\*</sup>For housing sponsored students, we will also need a notarized sponsor letter indicating the sponsor(s) will be supplying room and board at no cost to the student, <u>and</u> a deed/lease showing the sponsor is living at or owns the residence.

Required Funds for Academic Year 2022/2023 (Summer Semester Start – 12 months)	
Single Independent Student	\$43,560 USD
Additional Funds for Dependents	\$6,670 for a spouse and \$5,000 for each child
Student with Sponsor for Housing in the US	\$26,750 USD

International students beginning in the Summer semester are required to enroll in Summer, Fall <u>and</u> Spring semesters to equal a full 12 months. Because of this, students beginning in the Summer semester must document funds to cover an additional 3 months.

#### **Information about Financial Documentation**

Although we can accept a COPY of a bank statement in many instances, PPSC may request that a bank statement come to us directly from the bank or may request a more recent statement. PPSC may also request housing funds be documented with bank statements if we are not able to verify sponsor documents for sufficient funding. We may ask for this at any time during the admissions process.

Funds shown must be for the express purpose of funding a student's international study and living expenses. Submitting falsified bank documents or submitting bank statements with funds that are not intended for the student's use is considered visa fraud and could result in permanent visa ineligibility by the US government.

### **Note for Transfer Students**

Please note that additional documentation will be required <u>after</u> acceptance to process your SEVIS record transfer. Acceptance to PPSC does not guarantee a SEVIS transfer. The minimum GPA required to transfer to PPSC is 2.0. Students who have a terminated SEVIS record are not eligible for transfer to PPSC.

## **Contact Us**

I-20 documents may be e-mailed to us at International@pikespeak.edu or mailed to us at the following address:

Pikes Peak State College Enrollment Services - Attn: International Admissions 5675 S. Academy Blvd, CC-28 Colorado Springs, CO 80906

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

If you have any questions, please <u>email our office</u>. If you would like to meet with an international representative, please schedule an appointment with us below.

### Contact Us

### Pikes Peak State College International Representatives

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