

Admission of International Students

International students are defined as those who do not hold U.S. citizenship, who are not permanent residents of the U.S., or who do not hold resident alien status in the U.S.

Undergraduate International students must submit the following in order to be considered for admission to Wilkes University:

- 1) A completed application;
 - 2) Official results of English Proficiency
- Undergraduate students must earn a paper-based score of 500 or computer-based score of 173 or an iBT score of 60 on the TOEFL,
 - IELTS of 5.5 or higher
 - Successful completion of ELS Level 112
 - STEP/EIKEN Level 10
 - GTEC 1076
 - PTE 42
 - Successful completion of WESLI Level 700
 - Duolingo Score of 85 or higher
 - or evidence of the successful completion of an accredited intensive English language program, graduation from a U.S. High School, or English must have been the language of instruction for the student,

All international applicants whose education has been primarily outside the United States of America must provide objective evidence of proficiency in the English language. However, the following exceptions apply:

Applicants primarily educated in the following countries/territories:

- American Samoa
- Anguilla
- Antigua
- Australia
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Bermuda
- Belize
- Botswana
- British Virgin Islands
- Canada
- Cayman Islands
- Christmas Islands
- Cook Islands
- Dominica
- Falkland Islands
- Federated States of Micronesia
- Fiji
- Gibraltar
- The Gambia
- Guyana
- Ghana
- Grenada
- Guam
- Hong Kong
- Ireland
- Jamaica
- Kenya
- Kiribati
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Malawi
- Malta
- Marshall Islands
- Mauritius
- Montserrat
- Namibia
- Nauru

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- New Zealand
- Nigeria
- Niue
- Norfolk Island
- Northern Mariana Islands
- Palau
- Papua New Guinea
- Pitcairn Islands
- Saint Helena
- Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Saint Lucia
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Samoa
- Sandwich Islands
- Sierra Leone
- Singapore
- Solomon Islands
- South Africa (English-speaking, i.e. not Afrikaans)
- South Georgia Islands
- Swaziland
- Tanzania
- Tonga
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Turks and Caicos Islands
- Tuvalu
- Uganda
- United States
- United Kingdom
- US Virgin Islands (St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John)
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

Wilkes University will now accept the TOEFL ITP Plus for Chinese students.

If a student falls below the minimum English requirement they can begin in the University Preparatory Program (UPP). The one-semester University Preparatory Program, offered on campus or online, provides international students with the necessary skills and strategies needed to effectively transition and succeed in college. UPP lets you expand and refine your language and academic skills while fostering the appreciation of educational growth and diversity necessary to contribute to the global learning community.

Submitting one of the following scores in addition to the other admission requirements would allow a student to be considered for admission into the UPP.

- [International English Language Testing System \(IELTS\): 4.5 - 5.0](#)
- [TOEFL iBT: 53-59](#)
 - 169-179 Computer
 - 480-499 Paper
- [STEP/EIKEN: 2-2A STEP](#)
- [Duolingo: 80-84](#)
- [PTE: 35-42](#)
- [SAT: 350-450](#)

3) Copy of current passport or visa, if applicable;

4) Official transcripts of all secondary or post-secondary work completed to date (all transcripts should also be accompanied with a translation if in a language other than English); and

5) a copy of the secondary or post-secondary diploma or leaving certificate.

If you attended a college or university syllabi may be required to determine transfer credits.

If you attended a college/university outside of the U.S., you may be required to submit a course-by-course evaluation of your foreign transcripts to be considered for admission and transfer credits. Emailed copies of the transcript are acceptable for the admissions process, however official transcripts are required to be submitted to Wilkes by the first day of mandatory orientation. To be considered official, the evaluation must be received directly from one of the following companies:

- [Academic Evaluation Services](#)
- [CGFNS International](#)
- [Educational Credential Evaluators](#)
- [Educational Perspective](#)
- [Educational Records Evaluation Service](#)
- [Foundation for International Services \(FIS\)](#)
- [Josef Silny & Associates, Inc., International Education Consultants](#)
- [SDR Educational Consultants](#)
- [SPANTRAN](#)
- [World Education Services](#)

If you attended a college/university in the U.S., you must submit an official transcript. Please contact the registrar's office at your prior institution to submit a transcript request. Transcript(s) must be sent directly from the college/university to Wilkes in order to be considered official.

After the application file is complete, the Office of Admissions will review the file, render a decision, and notify the applicant of that decision. Admissions decisions are made on a "rolling" basis, and notification is generally made within two to four weeks from the date the file is complete. An applicant may be required to complete an evaluative interview prior to the rendering of a final decision.

For admission in the fall semester, applicants who reside outside of the USA must return their completed application and attendant documents by June 15. Applicants who reside within the USA, and have a valid visa, must return their completed application and attendant documents by August 1. International Nursing Applicants must apply no later than May 15th for the fall semester. An interview is required for the nursing program.

For admission in the spring semester, applicants who reside outside of the USA must return applications and documents by November 15. Applicants who reside within the USA, and have a valid visa, must return applications and documents by December 10. International Nursing Applicants must apply no later than October 15th. An interview is required for the nursing program.

All students guarantee their place in the entering class by forwarding a \$300 tuition deposit to the Office of Admissions. May 1 is the priority deadline for receipt of deposits.

An I-20 form will only be issued after the application process is complete, the student has been admitted to the institution and financial statement showing sufficient funds or scholarship letter has been received.