A message from Matt Fowler, President of Wabash Valley College

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to Wabash Valley College. We are the “first choice” of students throughout the tri-state area. This past academic year brought great distinction for the college as the Aspen Institute named Wabash Valley College, one of the “top 120 community colleges in the nation.”

The nearly 12,000 graduates, as well as all other stakeholders of the college, are justifiably proud of the honors and distinctions the college continues to receive for adhering to a mission that predicates us on excellence in teaching, learning, public service, and economic development.

I am thrilled to be a part of Wabash Valley College and I invite you to join us in the Wabash Valley College.

“Teaching and learning are at the heart of the college and are hallmarks of the community college in the United States.”
Illinois Eastern Community Colleges (IECC) is located in Southeastern Illinois near the Illinois/Indiana border. IECC includes four campuses: Frontier Community College (FCC) - Fairfield, Lincoln Trail College (LTC) - Robinson, Olney Central College (OCC) - Olney, and Wabash Valley College (WVC) - Mt. Carmel.
A student who is attending a college or university, and has not earned a bachelor’s degree, is studying at an undergraduate level. Taking, typically, four years to earn a bachelor’s degree, you can either begin your studies in pursuit of a bachelor’s degree at a community college or at a four-year university or college.

The first two years of study will generally require you to take a wide variety of classes in different subjects. Commonly known as prerequisite courses; math, literature, science, the social sciences, the arts, history; enables you to achieve a general knowledge or foundation of a variety of subjects prior to focusing on a specific field of study.
“OCC has been a great experience for me – I have made so many friends here. I will be transferring to the University of Illinois-Champaign this fall.

I am very happy about the transfer process – all of my classes and degree will easily transfer to the University. I would recommend IECC to anyone interested in pursuing their Bachelor degree.”

- Guo Zhaoming, China
HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION COURSE

IECC will accept 16 year old students that have not received their high school diploma. The students will complete this course at the same time as they are taking college level classes and after they finish their ESL program. The High School Completion course will give the student a GED or High School Diploma.

Becoming a student at Wabash Valley College has not only inspired me to follow the path that I have chosen, but also to master the subjects that are going to be an important part of my life. Studying at a community college helped me to share breath-taking knowledge and experiences that have certainly changed many lives, including my own.

* MIKE GUSEYOV - RUSSIA
IECC offers an intensive, academically oriented program in English as a Second Language for international students who wish to study at colleges or universities in the United States. TOEFL scores are Not necessary. The student will be tested upon arrival on campus and placed in the appropriate level of ESL if needed.

Students who have a TOEFL score of 500 PBT, 173 CBT, or 61 IBT will gain conditional admission to academic courses. The student may also be required to take the Advanced Level of ESL depending on the individual section scores of the TOEFL. After completing ESL, the student will take the Compass test for academic placement.
The International Student Program staff will help you locate housing. A housing information form is included with the college application. We offer host family placement and student housing as options. Please fill out the housing form and send back with your application.

The International Student Program provides many social activities throughout the year. Students also participate in various school-sponsored activities.
"WVC was a great way to get my Associates Degree. The Classes at WVC were small and I made many friends during my time there. It was a great place to start studying and then transfer to SIU-C. I will be graduating from SIU-C in Environmental Engineering in May."

* NATHALIA LONDONA - COLUMBIA
IECC requires all international students to purchase major medical insurance, to protect students from the high cost of health care in the United States. The following estimated expenses are for one academic year (two semesters).

Tuition & Fees (32 semester hours)   US $9600
Housing and Meals                    $6500
Books and Supplies                   $1000
Medical Insurance                    $800

Total  $17,900

The applicant must be able to show evidence of adequate financial resources before visa documents can be issued. International students must enroll in and maintain 12 semester hours for each semester to stay in F-1 status.
To apply for admission to IECC you must submit the following:
* A completed application of admission and financial statement;
* A letter or statement from the bank of your sponsor(s);
* An official academic record (translated in English) of your high school grades;
* An application fee of $100 in the form of a money order or credit card (authorization form included in application).
All documents must be scanned to the following email: swansonp@iecc.edu Pamela Swanson, Program Director
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