

4. TOEFL testing of all students whose first language is not English. (Additional information can be found in the International Students sections and applies to US Citizens as well as International.) TOEFL test exemptions may be made to those who are fluent in English at the consent of the International Director (International Students) or College Academic Advisor (Domestic Students).

The colleges administer ACCUPLACER for course placement and admission into select degree and certificate programs. ACCUPLACER is a placement test used to determine students' skill levels in reading, English, and math and assists in placing students in the appropriate courses. Students may sign up to take ACCUPLACER by calling the college of their choice. There is no charge for the first test. Additional ACCUPLACER information, free resources, and sample test questions are available at <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students>.

A review and analysis of the multiple measures for placement and placement testing is necessary before full-time registration and prior to enrolling in college level courses. Remedial courses may be warranted based on the results of this analysis.

## REMEDIAL COURSES

Remedial and college preparatory courses are designed to bring basic skills in mathematics, English, and reading comprehension to a level generally expected of entering college students. Credits earned in remedial and college preparatory courses cannot be applied toward a certificate or an associate degree and are not calculated in the grade point average.

Remedial and college preparatory courses must be completed for certificates of 16 hours or more and all degrees. Remedial and college preparatory courses need to be completed prior to or concurrently with enrollment in a college-level course in the same area of study.

Remedial reading courses will be given priority over other remedial courses and must be taken first. Placement in other remedial courses will be based on the student's program of study. Non-degree students who may later elect to seek a degree, GECC Credential, or certificate of more than 16 credit hours must meet all regular admission and placement requirements.

Students requiring remedial coursework may require enrollment in an additional term to complete graduation requirements. However, in some cases it may be possible for students to take remedial or college preparatory courses and degree, GECC Credential, or certificate courses in the same semester if all of the above conditions are met.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

To apply for admission to Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, the student should:

1. Apply online at [www.iecc.edu/apply](http://www.iecc.edu/apply);
2. Submit the following required documents and fee
  - Application fee of \$100 (Credit Card or Money Order)
  - Financial Statement
  - Letter or statement from the bank of sponsor
  - Official transcript (translated to English)
  - Copies of up-to-date vaccinations
  - Copy of Passport Photo Page (copy the entire page)

Send to the following address:

**Illinois Eastern Community Colleges/OCC  
International Office  
305 North West Street  
Olney, IL 62450-1099 USA**

Upon acceptance and approval of all completed and signed documents, IECC will issue an I-20 form. The student must take the I-20 form, current passport, and the above documents to the nearest United States Consulate to obtain a student visa.

The student does NOT need an official TOEFL score to apply, but will be tested for English proficiency **during the first week they arrive upon campus. Testing ensures students are placed in the appropriate level ESL and/or academic classes in support of our mission to provide the necessary tools for international students to succeed in the classroom. All students attending IECC whose native language is not English will be required to take TOEFL testing. (TOEFL test exemptions may be made to those who are fluent in English.)** Students who do not have a score of 550 PBT or 79 IBT will be required to enroll in the intensive English as a Second Language (ESL) program. A minimum of 500 PBT or 61 IBT will be required to enroll in select academic classes.

Health insurance must be purchased upon arrival on campus. All international students on F-1 visas must enroll in and maintain at least twelve (12) credit hours in order to stay in current visa status.