

Admissions Procedure

All application materials must be received by the following deadlines:

- Applicants for Fall Semester (September) – July 1
- Applicants for Spring Semester (January) – November 1

Students should apply to the College directly, not through a brokerage or other business.

1. Submit a completed Application for Admission to Salem Community College with the \$25 application fee. Checks or money orders (U.S. dollars) should be made payable to Salem Community College.
2. Submit official high school and college transcripts. Photocopies are not acceptable. Documents must attest to the student's graduation status. Original credentials must be accompanied by English translations certified as correct.
3. Provide proof of English language comprehension/fluency. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores of 520 paper/pencil, 190 computer-based, or 68 for the iBT format are required. **Salem Community College does not offer intensive English as a Second Language instruction.** TOEFL test score sheets must be submitted directly from The College Board to Salem Community College. Photocopies from the student are not acceptable. Visit www.ets.org/toefl/.
4. Submit proof of age through copy of birth certificate or passport.
5. Provide an Affidavit of Support Form completed by the student's sponsor and notarized at a United States Consulate or Embassy. Supporting documentation must accompany the affidavit and amounts must be listed in U.S. dollars.
6. Provide a check or money order for \$4,000 U.S. drawn on a United States bank or other financial institution made payable to Salem Community College. The money will be deposited into the student's account and will be used to pay a portion of the tuition and fees for the first two semesters. If a student is denied a visa, the College will refund the money upon receipt of a letter from the student requesting the funds.
7. Provide a check or money order for \$250 U.S., made payable to Salem Community College, to cover the international student processing fee. The fee is non-refundable.

Upon arrival at the College, students complete the Accuplacer Placement Test to determine initial entry in English and math course levels. International students may require initial course restrictions and/or English language course prerequisites. Detailed information is available at <http://cpts.accuplacer.com/docs/StudentGuide.html>.

Students should notify the Admissions Office when they change their address or phone number so that they will receive correspondence from the College.

Student Visas

Upon the receipt of all required material and deposits, an I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigration Student Status) will be processed and mailed to the student. The student will need to take the I-20 and accompanying documentation to the United States Consulate or Embassy to meet with a consular official. The decision to grant an F-1/M-1 student visa is made by the consulate or embassy staff representing the United States Department of State. SCC does not have the authority to grant or deny F-1/M-1 visa status.

In the event the F-1/M-1 visa is denied and the student is unable to enter the United States, the student must write to SCC to request a refund due to visa denial. SCC will refund all tuition and fees with the exception of the \$25 nonrefundable application fee and the \$250 international student processing fee.

Students admitted under F-1/M-1 student visa status must enroll full-time (12 credits or more) and hold at least a 2.0 grade point average each semester in order to remain enrolled at SCC.

Individuals holding B-1/B-2 visitor visas are required to return to their home countries if they wish to apply for F-1/M-1 visa status.

For detailed information, visit the SEVIS Web site at www.ice.gov/sevis/students/index.htm.



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Salem Community College International Student Admissions Information



An Ideal Location

Salem Community College is located in a suburban setting in Carneys Point, New Jersey. While the campus is surrounded by small towns, rural farms and woodlands, SCC is only minutes from Wilmington, Del. and 30 minutes from Philadelphia, Pa. SCC is within a two-hour drive of New York City, Baltimore, Md. and the nation's capital, Washington, D.C.

Climate/Clothing

Carneys Point, N.J. has a varied climate with four distinct seasons each year. Temperatures may vary considerably from year to year or even within a particular season. The following general observations may prove helpful:

Spring (March through June)

Temperatures range from 40 to 70 degrees F (4.5 to 22 C). Heavy sweaters and light jackets are appropriate in early spring. By late spring, lightweight short-sleeve shirts, slacks, shorts and dresses are common. Periods of light rain are usual.

Summer (June through September)

Temperatures range from 60 to 90 degrees F (16 to 33 C). Lightweight clothing is appropriate since this is the warmest time of the year. Thunderstorms are common in summer.

Fall (September through December)

Temperatures range from 30 to 70 degrees F (0 to 22 C). People require warmer clothing since temperatures drop in late fall.

Winter (December through March)

Temperatures range from 10 to 45 degrees F (-10 to 7 C). Heavy jackets or overcoats, hats, scarves, gloves and waterproof boots are appropriate. Snow is common during this time of the year.

Diverse Cultures

Salem Community College proudly provides a broad range of learning experiences at a reasonable cost to meet the needs of a diverse population with varied interests, abilities and learning styles. Students succeed because of small class sizes which enable them to receive personalized instruction.

SCC's international population has included students from Canada, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, France, Ghana, Haiti, India, Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Oman, Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan and Venezuela.

Transportation

Salem Community College is located about 25 miles from Philadelphia International Airport. Local transportation includes buses and some taxis. Railroad service is available in Wilmington, Del., approximately 15 miles from SCC.

Housing

Salem Community College does not provide on-campus housing. International students can rent rooms or apartments located close to the College. A local housing information guide is available through the SCC Enrollment Services office.

Students are responsible for contacting apartment owners or homeowners to arrange housing. SCC does not participate in housing arrangements made by individual students.

Local apartment rents range from \$605 to \$1,000 per month. Local room rent ranges from \$600 to \$675 per month and includes various amenities.

Estimated Expenses

Tuition \$92.50 per credit
Fees \$1,000 to \$1,200/year
Room/Apartment \$600 to \$1,000/month
Board \$3,000/year
Books/Supplies approximately \$1,000/year
Transportation \$1,000 to \$1,500/year
Personal Items \$600/year

Estimated cost for an international student to attend Salem Community College for two semesters is \$17,000 U.S. This includes tuition, fees, living expenses, and room and board.

Federal and state financial aid is not available to international students at Salem Community College.

Employment for international students is permitted only in extremely limited circumstances. Consequently, international students must have sufficient funds to cover their expenses without employment.

Multicultural Club

Salem Community College encourages all international students to join the multicultural club called UNO (United Nations Organization). The group:

- welcomes international students into the college community,
- promotes cross-cultural communication,
- provides a forum for the awareness and sharing of cultural differences and similarities,
- plans and promotes social activities and
- develops community contacts and housing referrals for international students.

Academic Programs

Salem Community College is a two-year college that offers four degrees: the Associate in Arts (A.A.), the Associate in Science (A.S.), the Associate in Fine Arts (A.F.A.) and the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.).

SCC offers the A.A., A.F.A and A.S. degrees in a variety of liberal arts and business administration areas. The degrees are designed so that graduates may easily transfer to a four-year college or university to complete the remaining requirements for a bachelor's degree in their field of study.

SCC offers the A.A.S. degree in some technology fields. While these programs are not specifically designed for transfer, many of the credits earned can be transferred to programs at four-year colleges and universities.

SCC also offers one-year certificate programs in healthcare and human services fields.

International students must enroll in developmental-level English, reading and math classes if needed.

Support Services

Salem Community College encourages all new students to attend an orientation program to become familiar with the College.

In addition, SCC offers advising services to students who plan to transfer and to all students who need assistance with academic or personal issues. Advisors are available on campus every weekday and maintain evening hours Monday through Thursday.