



# International Students

## Application Information and Admissions Guide

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- **Evaluation:** Any transcript from a country outside of the U.S. must be evaluated. An English translation will not be accepted in lieu of an evaluation. You can use any member of [www.naces.org](http://www.naces.org) or [www.aice-eval.org](http://www.aice-eval.org) to evaluate your transcript(s). All associated fees are the responsibility of the applicant.
  - Post-Secondary transcripts must be course-by-course evaluated
  - General evaluation of secondary (high-school) transcripts is acceptable, but a course-by-course evaluation may be requested based on equivalent GPA
  - [The Evaluation Company \(TEC\)](#) provides a customized application for SU applicants at a discount
- **Official transcript(s)** provided (even if an evaluation was completed) from:
  - Graduate: all institutions of higher education where a degree was earned, or relevant courses taken
  - Transfer: all institutions of higher education (and secondary/high school education if less than 24 college credits are completed at time of application)
  - Freshman: high school/secondary school

Please request your evaluating agency to include official transcript(s) with your evaluation

Some organizations, such as TEC, ECE, Scholaro, and Josef Silny provide official transcripts at no extra cost to the applicant

- **Proof of English Language Proficiency**
  - Please see the back of this sheet for our detailed language proficiency policy
  - Official score reports required for tests

### COST AND AID

- **Tuition cost** is the same for all students regardless of residency and status
  - [Contact us](#) for more details on yearly cost estimates
- All international undergraduate students are eligible for merit-based scholarships
  - Scholarships are based on academic merit and are calculated upon admission
  - No separate application needed
  - Scholarships will not cover the entire cost of tuition
- Graduate Students are eligible for [assistantships](#)
  - There are a limited number of graduate assistantships available
  - Students are encouraged to apply as early as possible for consideration

### CONTACT US

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Please visit our [International FAQ](#) and [Graduate FAQ](#) pages for answers to some of our most frequently asked questions.

### ADMISSION & APPLICATION

#### International Student

Any applicant that is NOT a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

#### Applying to Shenandoah

Begin the online application process by going to:

<https://www.su.edu/admissions/international-students/>

#### Required Tests

All applicants must meet language proficiency requirements and may need to submit official [TOEFL](#), [IELTS](#), [Cambridge](#), [PTE](#) or [DET](#) test scores to demonstrate proof of English language proficiency.

**Undergraduate:** SAT/ACT test scores are optional.

**Graduate:** Required tests vary by program. Please contact us for more details on your [program requirements](#).

#### Programs Ineligible for Students Requiring I-20

- Master of Public Health
- Graduate Occupational Therapy
- Phd Organizational Leadership
- EdD Educational Leadership
- PhD Educational Leadership
- Performing Arts Medicine
- Applied Behavioral Analysis
- Pharmacogenomics and Personalized Medicine
- Graduate Nursing programs
- Some Certificate programs

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## Proof of English Language Proficiency

Completion of an equivalent high school diploma or post-secondary degree with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher from the following countries:

### High School Diploma or Post-Secondary Degree

U.S. (except Puerto Rico)  
United Kingdom  
Ireland  
Canada  
Anguilla  
Antigua and Barbuda  
Australia  
Bahamas  
Barbados  
Belize  
Bermuda  
British Virgin Islands  
Cayman Islands  
Cook Islands  
Dominica  
Falkland Islands  
Fiji  
Gibraltar  
Grenada  
Guyana  
Jamaica  
Montserrat  
New Zealand  
Saint Kitts and Nevis St. Lucia  
St. Vincent & the Grenadines  
Trinidad and Tobago  
Turks and Caicos

### Post-Secondary Degree Only

Botswana  
Eswatini  
The Gambia  
Ghana  
Kenya  
Lesotho  
Liberia  
Malawi  
Namibia  
Nigeria  
Philippines  
Sierra Leone  
Singapore  
Tanzania  
Uganda  
Zambia  
Zimbabwe

If an applicant has not completed a high school diploma or post-secondary degree in one of the approved countries, language proficiency can be met by:

Attaining a minimum of one of the following test scores:

- 480 or higher on the Evidence-based Reading and Writing (ERBW) section of the SAT (test must be taken within two years of submission).
- 18 or higher on the English Composition section of the ACT (test must be taken within five years of submission)
- TOEFL iBT Score Requirements (the test must be taken within two years of submission):
  - For exams taken before January 21, 2026: Minimum total score: 79 for all programs except for the School of Nursing, School of Health Professions, and Music Therapy programs, for which an 83 or higher is required
  - For exams taken on or after January 21, 2026: Minimum total score: 4.5
- 21 or higher on each section of the TOEFL Paper-delivered test for all programs, except those in the School of Nursing or School of Health Professions, for which a 24 or higher is required (test must be taken within two years of submission)
- 176 or higher on the Cambridge English Assessment or Completion of B2 First, C1 Advanced, or C2 Proficiency Exam.
- 6.5 or higher on the IELTS test
- 53 or higher on the PTE (Pearson Test of English)
- 105 or higher on the Duolingo English Test (DET)

For some graduate programs, including NonTraditional PharmD and Transitional Physical Therapy, Shenandoah University may accept a valid license as proof of English proficiency. Please visit the program pages for more details.

### CONDITIONAL ADMISSION

- If an applicant does not meet the minimum English Language Proficiency requirements but is otherwise admissible to the degree program for which they have applied at Shenandoah University, they may be offered conditional admission for English Language Proficiency.
- To meet the conditions for full admission, conditionally admitted students must provide proof of successful completion of the highest level offered at an approved English Language program.
- Shenandoah will consider [CEA](#)-approved programs. Approval is not guaranteed and must be obtained before starting the program.
- Each program's standards for successful completion vary and are provided by the individual organization.

### SHENANDOAH'S APPROVED ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

- [ELS Educational Service's English for Academic Purposes Program](#)
- [International Language Academy of Washington, D.C \(ILA\) Program](#)
- [Interlink](#)
- [Laurel Ridge Community College \(LRCC\) ESL Program](#)
- [Northern Virginia Community College \(NVCC\) ESL Program:](#)

Please visit our [Conditional Admission for English Language Proficiency](#) page for more details and information