TRANSIENT ADMISSION

Students who are pursuing a degree at another college or university may be admitted as transient students if they provide proof of enrollment in good standing at their home college or university. Such students must complete a ApplyTexas Application (for Transient Admission) and submit a letter of good standing. Enrollment as a transient student is restricted to the summers or one long semester. Summer transient students must reapply each summer that enrollment is sought. Students admitted as transient students who later wish to pursue a degree at this university may do so by completing the regular admission process and meeting all admission requirements. (International students cannot be admitted as transient students.)

INTERNATIONAL ADMISSION

International students (non-U.S. citizens) with outstanding academic records will be considered for admission. International students who seek admission to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi must meet the following requirements:

1. Application Form and Fee: A completed ApplyTexas Application (for either International Freshman Admission or International Transfer Admission) and a $50 application fee are required.
2. Testing: Prospective students from other countries must demonstrate the ability to speak, write and understand the English language. Prospective students whose native language is not English must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination unless they have already earned an associate’s degree from an accredited institution in the United States. A minimum score of 550 on the TOEFL examination is required for admission to the University. The TOEFL is administered by the Educational Testing Service in over 200 centers around the world. A registration form and a “Bulletin of Information for Candidates” may be obtained by writing to TOEFL Registration Office, P.O. Box 6151, Princeton, New Jersey 08541-6151, USA.

Freshman international applicants must have their test scores for either the Scholastic Assessment Tests (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT) submitted to the Office of Admissions and Records.

3. Transcripts: The University requires all transcripts from international high schools, colleges and universities to be evaluated by a certified evaluation agency approved by the Director of Admissions and Records and requires the evaluation report to be submitted by the agency to the Office of Admissions and Records. A list of approved evaluation agencies may be obtained at the following website: http://falcon.tamucc.edu/~admiss/intl.html.

4. Grade Point Average (GPA): A cumulative GPA of 2.5 for all work attempted at other U.S. colleges or universities is required.

5. Finances: The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi require all international applicants to provide an “Affidavit of Support” form certifying ability to finance study in the U.S. The Affidavit of Support must be completed with U.S. currency figures only.

6. Immunizations and Related Requirements: International students are required to have a tuberculin skin test or chest x-ray and must meet the immunization requirements discussed later in this chapter.

7. Health Insurance: All international students (students who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States) are required to be covered by the Texas A&M University System’s student health insurance plan or to have equivalent insurance coverage. For information, contact the International Student Advisor.

International students should contact the Office of Admissions and Records for further information on admission requirements for international students.
The admission application review will not begin until all required documents are received by the Office of Admissions and Records.

An international student must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 semester hours during both the spring and fall semesters. An international student may not be admitted in undergraduate transient (visiting) or non-degree status. An international student sponsored by a program in a regionally accredited college or university may be admitted with the approval of the Office of Admissions and Records.

**International Admission Deadlines**

The completed ApplyTexas Application for admission of international students and all required documents and supporting material must be on file by the following deadlines:

- **Fall Semester - May 1**
- **Spring Semester - September 1**
- **Summer Session - February 1**

**International Student Advising**

The International Student Advisor, located in the Office of Admissions and Records, oversees all academic and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) requirements of F-1 students attending A&M-Corpus Christi. International students are required to report to the International Student Advisor at the beginning of each semester to maintain accurate status and essential information. The International Student Advisor helps students with forms and paperwork required for optional and curricular practical training, changes on I-20 form, change of status, reinstatement, and medical insurance requirements.

For additional information regarding international students, please contact the Office of Admissions and Records in the Student Services Center.

**ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE INTERNATIONAL (ESLI)**

The ESLI University Language Center, a privately owned and operated program located on the campus of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, provides students intensive English training in preparation for entrance to the University. Students may enroll and begin study in ESLI courses at any time during the fall, spring, or summer terms. Tuition and fees for ESLI programs may differ from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi tuition and fees.

The ESLI program is intensive with 25 hours of instruction each week in reading, writing, speaking, listening, grammar, and intensive skills with a focus on pronunciation, vocabulary, note-taking, and test-taking. Students have the opportunity to participate in the academic, social and cultural life of the campus.

For further information and application packets, prospective students should contact ESLI at (360) 724-0547 or by email at esli@esli-intl.com or visit the web site at www.esli-intl.com.

**POSTBACCALAUREATE ADMISSION**

A student holding a baccalaureate or higher degree who intends to seek an additional bachelor’s degree or an additional undergraduate major or minor, or who intends to take undergraduate course work required for Texas public school teacher certification, should seek admission as a **postbaccalaureate student**. Postbaccalaureate students may enroll in undergraduate-level courses (numbered below 5000) only. The following documents are required as part of the application process:

1. A completed ApplyTexas Application form.
2. A $25 application fee, which is nonrefundable.
3. Official transcripts documenting all course work taken at any regionally accredited college or university attended. Official transcripts must be sent directly to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi from the granting institutions.