

ADMISSIONS

Getting Started

Admissions

North Idaho College's open-door admissions policy reflects a commitment of access to higher education. We welcome anyone seeking to benefit from our educational programs and services regardless of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, and/or disability. Our open-door policy results in a diverse student population with varied experiences, backgrounds, abilities, interests, needs, and educational goals. Selective and limited enrollment programs and certain courses have special requirements for admission and registration.

General Admissions

Students who are pursuing a degree or certificate, or who are applying for financial aid, must submit an admissions application. The application steps are:

- Complete the application for admission (available online at www.nic.edu/apply)
- Submit one of the following:
Official high school transcript showing graduation. OR
Official home school transcript showing high school/secondary school graduation. OR
Official GED test scores.
- Take the NIC placement for English and Math, found at www.nic.edu/placement or submit a copy of your ACT or SAT scores. Test scores are valid for two years and used to place students in appropriate coursework, not to determine admission status.

Former Students

Students who have previously attended NIC need to reactivate their files by reapply for admission at www.nic.edu/apply.

Non-Degree Seeking Students

Students interested in taking classes for personal enrichment, to improve job skills, or for other educational purposes may attend NIC as non-degree seeking students by filling out a non-degree application at www.nic.edu/apply. The following conditions apply to non-degree seeking students.

- Non-degree students are not admitted to an academic program.
- Non-degree students are not eligible to receive financial aid.
- Non-degree students must apply as a degree-seeking student if they wish to pursue a degree or certificate, available online at www.nic.edu/apply.

Non-High School Graduates

Non-high school graduates who want to be admitted as a degree-seeking student may do so after passing the high school level General Educational Development (GED) tests.

International Students

North Idaho College welcomes the enrollment of qualified international students. In addition, the college encourages

currently enrolled international students to participate in the educational, social, and cultural activities of the local community.

International students must meet the same admissions requirements as domestic students. Students must have graduated from a secondary school and have the minimum English abilities to succeed in college. International students who are transferring from a college or university must have a minimum 2.00 grade point average.

All application materials from students living abroad should be sent to the Admissions Office at least six months prior to registration in order to allow time for evaluation and notice of acceptance. International students applying from within the United States need to submit all materials no less than one month prior to registration. The college will issue an I-20 to accepted students who provide the appropriate admissions and financial documentation.

The following items are required for all international applicants:

1. International Student Application for Admission found at www.nic.edu/apply.
2. Official secondary (high school) transcript and confirmation of graduation (an original, certified English translation must accompany those documents that are not in English).
3. Official transcripts from all colleges attended (an original, certified English translation must accompany those documents that are not in English).
4. Official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Scores. Minimum scores are 500 (paper-based), 173 (computer-based), and 61 (Internet-based) or official International English Language Testing (IELTS) scores. Minimum score of 5. Information about the TOEFL is available at www.ets.org (<http://www.ets.org>). Information about IELTS is available at www.ielts.org (<https://www.ielts.org>).
5. Certificate of Health signed by a recognized medical agency which includes complete immunization records.
6. Proof of health insurance.
7. Financial Declaration:
International students must submit proof from a financial institution demonstrating sufficient financial resources to fully cover the costs of tuition, books, fees, room and board, and all personal expenses for one academic year. North Idaho College will not bear responsibility for an international student's finances. For the current tuition and fees schedule, visit www.nic.edu/tuition.

Fees	Cost
Tuition and Fees	\$8,652
Room and Board	\$7,970 (includes a \$200 deposit)
Books, Supplies, Incidentals	\$2,760
Total ¹	\$19,382

¹ NIC reserves the right to change its charges at any time. In the unlikely event that changes become necessary, NIC will endeavor to give advance notice.

Send all materials to:
Admissions Office

North Idaho College
1000 West Garden Avenue
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814 USA

Programs with Special Admission Requirements

Limited Enrollment Career and Technical Education Programs

Certain career and technical education programs have limited capacity and additional admission requirements. Since these programs often fill quickly, prospective students are encouraged to begin the application process as early as possible.

The following programs have limited space available:

- Aerospace Technology
- Automotive Technology
- Carpentry and Construction Technology
- Collision Repair Technology
- Computer Aided Design Technology
- Construction Management
- Culinary Arts
- Diesel Technology
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning/Refrigeration
- Industrial Mechanic/Millwright
- Machining and CNC Technology
- Mechatronics
- Outdoor Recreation Leadership
- Welding Technology

Applicants should submit admissions materials three to six months prior to enrollment. Decisions on acceptance are made on an eligibility/space available basis and only after the Admissions Office has received the following items:

- An application for admission to NIC and the specific program.
- Assessment materials in the form of English and Math placement found at www.nic.edu/placement, SAT, ACT test scores, or transcripts of previous college coursework in math and English.
- Students considered for enrollment in the limited enrollment programs, must satisfy NIC satisfactory academic progress requirements or have permission of the division chair to enroll.

For more information, contact the Admissions Office at (208) 769-3311 or the Career and Technical Education Student Support Services Office at (208) 769-3448 or (208) 769-3468.

Selective Enrollment Programs

The following programs have a selective and/or competitive entry and have additional admissions requirements. Application packets for all programs, except Law Enforcement, are available online at www.nic.edu/admissions. Please see the program descriptions in the catalog for the specific admissions requirements for each program.

- Computer Information Technology
- Graphic Design
- Healthcare Computer Technician
- Law Enforcement
- Medical Assistant

- Network Security Administration
- Pharmacy Technology
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Practical Nursing
- Radiography Technology
- Registered Nursing
- Surgical Technology
- Web Design

Students accepted into selective Health Profession and Nursing programs are required to pay a \$100 non-refundable deposit within two weeks of acceptance. The deposit will be applied toward tuition and fees. See the program descriptions in this catalog for specific requirements for each program.

Dual Credit for High School Students

Dual credit allows eligible high school and home school juniors and seniors to enroll in NIC courses on campus, online, or at their high school. Credit for both high school and college is awarded. Students enrolled in NIC courses will receive an NIC transcript. These credits transfer to other colleges and universities across the nation.

Dual credit students are not eligible for financial aid. Some scholarships are available. Complete details about the Dual Credit program are available through high school counselors, the Dual Credit Office, and www.nic.edu/dualcredit.

To be eligible students must be at least 16 years old or have successfully completed at least half of their graduation requirements as approved by their high school counselor.

Dual Credit Application and Registration Process:

1. Meet with a high school counselor to determine eligibility.
2. Complete the application for admission available at www.nic.edu/apply.
3. Submit completed Dual Credit Authorization Form, with high school counselor and parent signatures.
4. Take the NIC placement assessment for English and Math, found at www.nic.edu/placement or submit a copy of your ACT/SAT test scores for proper course placement.

Test scores are valid for two years and are used to place students in appropriate coursework, not to determine admission status.

For more information, contact the Office of Advanced Opportunities at (208) 625-2329 or go to www.nic.edu/dualcredit.

Technical Competency Credit (TCC)/ Technical Dual Credit for High School Students (TDC)

TCC and TDC is an advanced learning opportunity that links approved high school technical courses to technical certificate and degree programs at the college level. Students enrolled in approved high school programs throughout the state may receive credit from North Idaho College that is counted toward a career and technical education certificate or degree. This allows students to begin working on an Associate of Applied Science Degree, Advanced Technical Certificate, or Technical Certificate while still in high school. TCC and TDC students will not have to

repeat courses in college that were successfully completed in high school. TDC is paid for by Fast Forward funds.

For more information about TCC and TDC opportunities, contact the Regional Transition Coordinator at (208) 769-5964 or go to www.nic.edu/techprep.

Placement Assessment

Placement assessment is an important part of enrollment. Results are used to identify courses needed to promote student success. Students are required to complete the placement assessment if they will be entering their first college English or college math course. Enrollment in other courses with an English or math prerequisite (or equivalent placement scores) may also require completion of the placement assessment.

Math Placement

Math placement¹ will be via ALEKS PPL (Assessment and Learning in Knowledge Spaces, Placement, Preparation, and Learning). ALEKS must be taken at an approved, proctored location such as the NIC Testing Center. ALEKS results will be used to determine appropriate NIC course registration.

English Placement

English placement¹ will be via TWC (The Write Class), which is a no cost, online, unproctored instrument. TWC may be accessed from any Internet browser at www.thewriteclassnic.com (<http://www.thewriteclassnic.com>).

¹ NOTE: North Idaho College accepts ACT and SAT test scores two years old or less that meet placement requirements.

If you have questions about placement assessments, contact the Admissions Office at (208) 769-3311.

Outreach Centers

NIC has outreach centers in Bonners Ferry, Sandpoint, and the Silver Valley. These centers offer a variety of services, including admissions and academic advising, proctored testing, credit and non-credit courses, Adult Education courses, and GED instruction and testing. Transportation to outreach centers and other off-campus college facilities is not provided by North Idaho College. To learn more about the specific services and courses offered at the outreach center near you, go to www.nic.edu/outreach or call or visit:

NIC Bonners Ferry Center
6791 Main Street, Suite B
Bonners Ferry, ID 83805
(208) 267-3878

NIC at Sandpoint
102 South Euclid Street
Sandpoint, ID 83864
(208) 263-4594

NIC Silver Valley Center
323 Main Street
Kellogg, ID 83837
(208) 783-1254

For registration information, go to www.nic.edu. To purchase textbooks, go to www.bkstr.com/nicstore/home (<https://www.bkstr.com/nicstore/home>).

Residency Status

Residency for tuition purposes is governed by Idaho State Code. Under current Idaho State Code 33-2110A,

“...a student in a community college shall not be deemed a resident of the district, or of a county, or of the State of Idaho, unless such student shall have resided within said district, county, or state, for at least one (1) year continuously prior to the date of his/her first enrollment in said community college.”

“Counties in Idaho are liable for the out-of-district tuition so long as the student is duly enrolled and attending the college. This liability shall be for six (6) semesters or the term of the curriculum for which the student is enrolled, whichever is lesser. Liability shall terminate if the student’s domiciliary residence changes and that change occurs for twelve (12) months.”

Residents of Idaho

Residency status is determined when a student applies for admission and remains unchanged until the student supplies evidence to the contrary. To be classified as a resident the student, or for a dependent student the parent or legal guardians, must have established a domicile in the state of Idaho for 12 months prior to the beginning of the semester of enrollment.

For tuition purposes, a student who is a permanent resident of the United States may be classified as a resident of the district by meeting one or more of the following qualifications:

1. Any student whose parents or court-appointed guardians are domiciled in the college district and provide more than 50 percent of his or her support. (Domiciled means an individual’s true, fixed, and permanent home and place of habitation. It is the place where he or she lives without intending to establish a new domicile elsewhere). To qualify under this section, the parents or guardian must have resided continuously in the college district for 12 months preceding the opening day of the term for which the student matriculates.
2. Any student who receives less than 50 percent of his or her support from parents or legal guardians, who are not residents of the college district for voting purposes, and who has continuously resided in the college district for 12 months preceding the opening day of the term for which the student matriculates.
3. The spouse of a person who is classified or is eligible for classification as a resident of the college district for the purpose of attending the college.
4. A member of the armed forces of the United States, stationed in the college district on military orders.
5. A student whose parents or guardians are members of the armed forces and stationed in the college district on military orders and who receives 50 percent or more of his/her support from parents or legal guardians. The student, while in continuous attendance, shall not lose his/her residency

when his/her parents or guardians are transferred on military orders.

6. A person separated, under honorable conditions, from the United States armed forces after at least two years of active service, who, at the time of separation, designates the college district as his/her intended domicile or who has the district as the home of record while in service and enters the college within one year of the date of separation.
7. Any individual who has been domiciled in the college district, has qualified and would otherwise be qualified under the provisions of this statute, and who is away from the district for a period of less than one calendar year and has not established legal residence elsewhere, provided a 12-month period of continuous residence has been established immediately prior to departure.

A student's residency status remains unchanged unless the student can provide evidence that he or she has established a permanent domicile in Idaho and has resided there for 12 consecutive months. To challenge a residency determination a student must complete a Residency Change Form along with documentation and submit it to the Admissions Office within 10 days of the beginning of the term. The evidence must prove convincingly that residency was established 12 months before the beginning of the term. Students may appeal the residency redetermination decision by submitting a written appeal to the Admissions Office who will forward it to the Director of Admissions.

Idaho Residents – In-District

Idaho residents who reside in Kootenai, Ada, Bonner, Bonneville, Canyon, Jerome, and Twin Falls counties are classified as in-district residents. Residency for these counties is determined by NIC. In-district residents pay the "district" tuition rate.

Idaho Residents – Non-District

Idaho residents who do NOT reside in Kootenai, Ada, Bonner, Bonneville, Canyon, Jerome, and Twin Falls counties are classified as non-district residents. Non-district students may qualify for county support from their county of residence to cover the additional non-district tuition fees. To qualify for county support, non-district residents must file a Certificate of Residency with their home county auditor's office each academic year. Certificate forms are available from the Admissions Office, Student Accounts Office, or the county auditor's office. The counties will notify NIC if the Certificate of Residency has been approved.

If verification is not received from the student's home county, the student must pay non-district fees. (Exception: Students from Ada, Bonner, Bonneville, Canyon, Jerome, Kootenai, and Twin Falls counties are not required to complete the Certificate of Residency.)

Students who exceed the tuition benefit will be charged non-district tuition. However, non-district tuition is significantly lower than out-of-state. Check with your county for further details. The county is obligated by state code to pay the out-of-district charge pursuant to Idaho State Code 33-2110A.

Tuition Reduction Programs

Washington State Residents

Washington residents qualify for a reduction of a portion of the out-of-state tuition rate. Residency status is determined at the time of application to the college (see www.nic.edu/tuition for the current tuition and fees schedule).

Western Undergraduate Exchange

The Western Undergraduate Exchange Program (WUE) was established to financially assist individuals interested in attending college out of their home states. The tuition rate is 150 percent of the non-district tuition rate. Students may not use any of the time accrued under the WUE program to establish residency in the state of Idaho. Residents from the following states are eligible for the reduced tuition rates (see www.nic.edu/tuition for the current tuition and fees schedule).

- Alaska
- Arizona
- California
- Colorado
- Hawaii
- Montana
- Nevada
- Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands
- New Mexico
- North Dakota
- Oregon
- South Dakota
- Utah
- Wyoming

Senior Citizen's Rate

North Idaho College offers a special rate to non-degree seeking individuals who are 60 years or older. The senior citizen rate for non-degree credit classes is \$25 per class plus \$5 per credit. Fees for non-credit courses, materials, books, or special fees are full price. Degree seeking seniors will pay full tuition rates for all courses.