

GETTING STARTED

ADMISSIONS

North Idaho College's open door admissions policy reflects a commitment to access to higher education for all individuals who can benefit from college coursework. NIC admits all applicants who have earned a high school diploma from an accredited high school or who have earned a General Education Diploma (GED). Applicants who have not graduated from high school or who have not earned a GED must demonstrate the ability to benefit from college coursework before being admitted as a degree-seeking student. Please read the non-high school graduate section below. Individuals under the age of 16 may contact the Admissions Office for special admissions consideration. Admission to NIC does not guarantee admission to limited or selective enrollment programs.

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 an application for admission and submit a \$25 one-time application fee.
- First time students should submit a final high school transcript or GED scores to the Admissions Office.
- Transfer students should submit an official copy of all previous college transcripts to the Admissions Office. Transcripts must be received in the Admissions Office in an officially sealed envelope.
- Meet the assessment requirement by submitting ACT or SAT test scores or by taking the COMPASS placement test. Test scores are valid for two years.

FORMER STUDENTS

Students who have previously attended NIC do not need to reapply for admission, but need to reactivate their files by completing a Student Record Update form and submitting it to the Admissions Office.

NON-DEGREE SEEKING STUDENTS

Students not intending to earn a degree or certificate from NIC, but who are interested in taking classes to further their education, to improve job skills, or for personal enrichment, are not required to apply for admission. Students may enroll by mail, on the web, or in person at the Registrar's Office in Lee-Kildow Hall.

NON-HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Non-high school graduates or students who have graduated from non-accredited high schools, may enroll as a non-matriculated student. All credits completed will appear on an NIC transcript.

Students under this classification who want to be admit-

ted as a degree-seeking student may do so after passing the high school level General Educational Development (GED) tests.

If a student has not completed the GED, he or she must complete the Placement Assessment (COMPASS) and receive a minimum score before being accepted for admission. Students using the COMPASS as an option must complete specific sections as outlined by the U.S. Department of Education to determine ability-to-benefit and admissions status.

COMPASS minimum scores for admission as an ability-to-benefit student are:

Pre-Algebra/Numerical Placement	25
Reading Placement	62
Writing Placement	32

ASSET minimum scores for admission as an ability-to-benefit student are:

Numerical Skills	33
Reading Placement	35
Writing Placement	35

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
2. The \$25 application fee in U.S. funds (non-refundable, one-time fee).
3. Official secondary (high school) transcript and confirmation of graduation (an original, certified English translation must accompany those documents that are not in English).
4. Official transcripts from all colleges attended (an original, certified English translation must accompany those documents that are not in English).
5. Official Test of English as a Foreign Language

(TOEFL) Scores. Minimum scores are 500 (paper-based), 173 (computer-based), and 61 (Internet-based)

Information about the TOEFL is available on the Internet at www.ets.org.

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. Estimated costs for the 2006-07 school year are listed below.

Tuition and Fees	\$6,544
Room and Board*	\$5,400
Books, Supplies, Insurance, Incidentals	\$1,856
Total *	\$13,800

* 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:
Office of Admissions
North Idaho College
1000 West Garden Avenue
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814 USA

PROGRAMS WITH SPECIAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The following programs have additional admissions requirements.

Limited Enrollment Professional-Technical Programs

Certain professional-technical 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:

Automotive Technology
Carpentry
Carpentry Management Technology
Collision Repair Technology
Computer Information Technology
Culinary Arts
Diesel Technology
Drafting and Design Technology
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
Landscape Technology
Machine Technology
Maintenance Mechanic/Millwright
Outdoor Power/Recreational Vehicle Technology
Welding Technology

Applicants should submit admissions materials 6-12 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.
- The \$25 application fee (non-refundable one time fee).
- Provide assessment materials in the form of the COMPASS, SAT, ACT test scores or transcripts of previous college coursework in math and English.

Students accepted into a limited enrollment program 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.

For more information contact the Admissions Office at 208.769.3311 or the Professional-Technical Student Support Services Office at 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 from the Admissions Office. Please see the program descriptions in the catalog for the specific admissions requirements for each program.

Law Enforcement/Administration of Justice	See page 89
Pharmacy Technology	See page 103
Practical Nursing	See page 99
Radiography Technology	See page 108
Registered Nursing	See page 100

Dual Credit for High School Students

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

Dual credit students are not eligible for financial aid or scholarships. Complete details about Dual Enrollment are available from high school counselors.

To be eligible students must be at least 16 years old or have successfully completed at least half of their graduation requirements.

Dual Credit Application and Registration Process:

1. Meet with a high school counselor to determine eligibility.
2. Submit an NIC Application for Admission.
3. Complete the Dual Enrollment Registration Form, with high school counselor and parent signatures.

Tech Prep for High School Students

Tech Prep is a statewide Professional-Technical program that coordinates high school curriculum with a two-year program. Students enrolled in approved high school programs can receive post-secondary credit from NIC toward a Professional-Technical certificate or degree. This process allows students to begin working on an associate of applied science degree or certificate of completion while still in high school. Tech Prep students can either earn a degree in a shorter amount of time or go into greater depth of study.

For more information about Tech Prep, contact the regional office at 208.769.5964.

PLACEMENT ASSESSMENT

The placement assessment (COMPASS) is an important part of enrollment because it measures each student's entry skills in reading, writing, and math. Scores are used to identify courses needed to ensure 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.

ACT, SAT, or ASSET scores can substitute for COMPASS scores in fulfilling the placement assessment requirement.

COMPASS appointments can be arranged following acceptance to the college by calling 208.676.7203. Information about the COMPASS is available online at www.nic.edu/testingcenter. Placement scores previously earned within two years from the date of course registration may satisfy the assessment requirement by having official copies of the ACT, SAT, COMPASS, or ASSET score report sent to the NIC Admissions Office, 1000 W. Garden Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814. If you have questions about placement assessments, contact Advising Services at 208.769.7821.

DISTANCE EDUCATION CLASSES

Distance Education classes provide students an opportunity to take NIC classes without traveling to the Coeur d'Alene campus. These courses are delivered by interactive video-conferencing (IVC), a two-way audio and video network from NIC's main campus to locations in the five northern counties; and/or the Internet with most of the instruction delivered via a website; and/or at off-campus sites with face-to-face instruction.

NIC has outreach centers in Sandpoint, Bonners Ferry, and Kellogg to better serve the citizens in those counties.

Services include academic classes, non-credit classes, adult basic education, GED instruction and testing, and class registration, as well as other services.

NIC's outreach centers are:

NIC Ponderay Center
300 Bonner Mall Way, Ponderay
208.263.4594

NIC Silver Valley Center
323 Main Street, Kellogg
208.783.1254

NIC Bonners Ferry Center
6791 Main Street, Suite B, Bonners Ferry
208.267.3878

Distance Education students apply and register using the same application forms as on-campus students and pay the same tuition. Students may order and pay for their textbooks online at www.bookstore.nic.edu with a credit card. Tuition can be paid online at www.nic.edu by accessing NICONline or through the NIC Business Office.

For information about NIC's online or off-campus courses, call 208.769.3436 or toll-free 877.404.4536. The Distance Education Office can also be reached by e-mail at distance@nic.edu.

RESIDENCY STATUS

Residency for tuition purposes is governed by Idaho State Code 33-2110A. Residency status is determined when a student applies for admission and remains unchanged until the student supplies evidence to the contrary. Please call the Admissions Office at 208.769.3311 for residency questions.

Kootenai County Residents (In-district)

Since North Idaho College receives a substantial portion of funding from Kootenai County, residency at NIC is determined at the county level. To be classified as an in-district resident the student, or the parents or legal guardians of a dependent student, must have established a domicile in Kootenai County for 12 months prior to the beginning of the semester of enrollment.

Idaho Resident Outside Kootenai County (Non-district)

Idaho residents outside of Kootenai County will be charged the non-district tuition rate. The student may be eligible for monetary support for the non-district portion of the tuition from their county of residence if the student files a Certificate of Residency with the home county and the certification is received by NIC.

Depending on the county, a certificate is required each academic year or each semester. It is the student's responsibility to determine how often the certificate must be filed.

Certificates of Residency may be obtained at the Admissions or Business Offices at North Idaho College or on the web at <http://www.nic.edu/costs/forms/residency.pdf>.

Out-of-State/International Students

Students who are not considered residents of Idaho for tuition paying purposes are charged the out-of-state tuition rate. Tuition reductions of the out-of-state tuition rate are available for residents of Washington and the Western Undergraduate Exchange states. (see below)

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 page 24 for tuition rate tables).

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% of the non-district tuition rate. Residents from the following states are eligible for the reduced tuition rates: (see page xxx for tuition rate tables).

Alaska	North Dakota
Arizona	Oregon
Colorado	South Dakota
Montana	Utah
Nevada	Wyoming
New Mexico	

Senior Citizen's Rate

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

NIC also offers some courses specifically designed for senior citizens. These courses almost always have the word "senior" in the course name and are offered at a flat rate of \$20 per course.