



HCS Admissions Policies

All applicants:

- Will have a definite experience of Christian conversion
- Are expected to have lived a consistent Christian life for at least one year prior to coming to College.
- Give evidence of a cooperative attitude and an approved Christian character, free from questionable habits and practices.
- Have a Grade 12 standing or its equivalent. Degree applicants must have a minimum overall Grade 12 average of 65%. [A limited number of applicants who do not meet this requirement may be considered if they qualify as mature students, that is they must be at least 20 years of age by the first day of classes].
- Will be at least 18 years of age. A limited number of grade 12 graduates may be accepted at 17 years of age.
- Will agree to be subject to the rules and regulations of the College.

Home Educated Students:

All home educated applicants must complete the following to gain admission to Horizon College¹:

1. Complete and submit the Student Application
2. Statement of Intent
 - a. Applicants must submit a signed and dated paragraph detailing the following information: how many years he or she has been a home based learner, the name of any third party evaluating exams that the student has taken, and a sentence declaring 'I believe that my academic background has adequately prepared me for post-secondary studies at Horizon College.
3. Home Educated Learner Transcript
 - a. Applicants must submit an official transcript from an outside party such as a home educator's organization or school board to the Admissions Dept. If no such third party documentation can be provided, applicants must submit a signed copy of a home transcript completed by his or her primary educator, and complete one of the following:

¹ For all applicants, completion of these forms is a prerequisite to admission but does not guarantee admission

- i. SAT Test (www.collegeboard.com) With a minimum score of 1590
 - ii. ACT Test (www.act.org) With a minimum scored of 22
 - iii. GED (General Education Diploma) with a minimum score of 500, and with no less than 450 in any of the 5 individual tests.
 - b. Each applicant must submit transcripts from courses taken at other post-secondary institutions.
4. Demonstration of Skills and Knowledge
 - Part 1: Each applicant must submit a 3-page (double spaced) writing sample. The paper must demonstrate the student's ability to research and think critically as well as his or her English composition skills. It is recommended that the assignment cover a topic that is related to a field such as Bible, History, Christian Studies, or English as opposed to Chemistry, Physics or Mathematics. This paper can come from the student's final year of education (grade 12 equivalent) or it can be written specifically for the sake of admission to the college.
 - Part 2: (optional) Students may also submit records of any other experience or training they have gained that would illustrate the nature of their home education (i.e. ministry experience, special skills seminars, arts activities, community involvement, educational environment etc.)

Upon acceptance to Horizon College, each home educated student will enter a one semester probationary period. This period is designed to support the student during transition from home education to a post-secondary institution.

Applicants Whose First Language is not English

Applicants whose first language is not English must submit a TOEFL score of at least 550 on the paper-based test , 213 on the computer-based test, or 80 on the internet test with the minimums in the following categories: Reading: 19 Listening: 19 Speaking:18 and Writing: 18 before they will be admitted into a regular college program.

For information write to:

TOEFL Services, Box 6154 Princeton, NJ 08541-6154, USA or

IELTS Enquiries, Bridgewater House, 58 Whitworth Street, Manchester, U.K.

International Student Requirements

In addition to the entrance requirements, international students must obtain student authorization and visa prior to admittance into Canada. To do this, applicants must present the Canadian Government Office in their own country with:

1. A declaration of Conditional Acceptance from Horizon College
2. Evidence of their good character and if needed, a letter from their sponsoring organization.
3. Evidence of adequate funds for the student and (if applicable) his/her family to live and study in Canada and to return to their country.
4. Certificate of medical clearance from required countries

Once they have received their student visa and passport, and Horizon College has received total payment of funds (in Canadian funds), international students will receive an official letter of acceptance from Horizon college

Please note that these preparations take longer than one may anticipate. International students need to begin their preparations six months or more in advance of the academic year which they intend to study.

Financial Requirements (not applicable for U.S. students)

International students requiring a study permit to attend Horizon College will be considered for admission only if they can meet the requirements of a financial guarantee for themselves and all dependents that will be accompanying them to Canada. This will be done by depositing sufficient funds to cover tuition, living expenses, and other school fees for the student and family for the first year of studies in the applicant's Horizon College student account. This information is required for the student permit application.

NOTE: These amounts will be held on deposit at the college until they are needed for their intended purpose. Payment should be made in Canadian funds and is payable only by wire transfer, certified cheque, MasterCard, or VISA.

Academic Requirements

- Students must submit official copies of transcripts from all previously attended:
 - high schools
 - language schools
 - colleges and/or universities

- Where transcripts are in an original language other than French or English, certified English translations of the transcripts must also be provided.
- Transcripts will be evaluated based on the academic requirements for students who are Canadian citizens.

IMPORTANT NOTE: A letter of acceptance for the purpose of obtaining a study permit cannot be released until the application portfolio is complete and reviewed and sufficient funds have been deposited into the applicant's student account.

International Student Employment

International students and their legal spouses can apply for a Work Permit once in Canada. Application must be made at Canadian Immigration before beginning work. There is a non-refundable processing fee for employment authorization. Information is available from www.cic.gc.ca

Important links:

- [Sask Immigration Canada](#) (important information for international students who wish to immigrate)
- www.canadainternational.gc.ca (information on government services, resources, etc)
- www.health.gov.sk.ca (Health care)

Additional Options:

If you are unable to attend Horizon College oncampus there are a number of other options available to you:

- We offer several courses by Alternate Education. For further information please see our [website](#).
- The PAOC GlobalED department has compiled a list of affiliated Bible Training Centres across the globe which you can browse [here](#).