Admissions requirements for international applicants

Capella welcomes international students. In addition to your application, you’ll need to submit these materials:

**Proof of English proficiency**
If an evaluation of your international post-secondary transcript states that your language of instruction was English, the English proficiency requirement is considered to be met. If not, you must demonstrate English proficiency at the academic level by achieving a minimum acceptable score on one of the following tests. Test scores must be submitted to Capella University directly from the testing agency, and you must have taken the test within the past 2 years.

**Acceptable tests and minimum scores:**
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
  - 550 paper-based
  - 79 Internet-based
- Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB): 80
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS): 6.5
- Pearson Test of English (PTE): 59

**Transcript Evaluation**
International college or university transcripts must be evaluated and reviewed for eligibility when you apply. The evaluation is not a guarantee of admission. You may choose to either have your transcripts evaluated by an approved organization and sent to Capella, or have Capella arrange an evaluation.

Capella accepts evaluations sent directly from the following organizations:
- Academic Evaluation Services, Inc.
- Center for Applied Research, Evaluations & Education, Inc.
- Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS), Credentials Evaluation Service (CES)
- Education Credential Evaluators, Inc.
- Educational Perspectives, nfp.
- Educational Records Evaluation Service
- Evaluation Service, Inc.
- Foreign Academic Credentials Service, Inc.
- Foundation for International Services
- Global Credential Evaluators, Inc.
- Global Services Associates, Inc.
- International Academic Credential Evaluators, Inc.
- International Consultants of Delaware
- International Education Research Foundation, Inc.
- International Education Service (IES)/American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO)
- Josef Silny & Associates
- SpanTran the Evaluation Company
- World Education Services (WES)

If you prefer to have Capella arrange the evaluation of your international transcripts, a $100 non-refundable fee is required before we begin to process evaluation. This is in addition to any other application fee. The evaluation is applicable for Capella programs only and might not be accepted by other academic institutions.

**To submit your transcripts to Capella for evaluation, ask your school(s) to mail an official copy of your transcripts to:**

Capella University  
Capella Tower  
225 South Sixth Street, Ninth Floor  
Minneapolis, MN 55402-3389  
USA

If you are unable to have the school send an official copy to Capella, you may submit a notarized photocopy of your official transcript to the address above. Note: each page of the transcript must be notarized.

**Visa information**
Capella is an online university and does not issue I-20 Forms (US Department of Homeland Security Certificates of Eligibility for student visas), and therefore cannot fulfill requests for student visas.

Some of our programs require participation in clinical practica or internships. If you enroll in one of these programs, you must be eligible to work and complete the practicum or internship in the United States, Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, or the U.S. Virgin Islands. Obtaining necessary authorization to participate is your responsibility.

**Financial aid**
Capella participates in the Title IV (federal student aid) program. To be eligible for Title IV aid, you must be a United States Citizen or eligible non-citizen.