

San Mateo Colleges International Education Newsletter (No. 1)



Our Application Deadlines

We accept applications year round, but we have a deadline for each semester: **April 15** for the fall semester and **October 15** for the spring semester. These deadlines are necessary to allow sufficient time for the visa application and for students to arrive at least 30 days before the semester begins in order to obtain academic counseling and get into the classes they need.

Great News on Transfer Pathway Letters

During my October recruitment visits, I shared with some of you the Transfer Pathway letters (also called University Conditional Admission Letters) that we use to accompany our I-20 letters. These letters were from UC Davis, San Francisco State University and University of Cincinnati. I am happy to inform you that more American universities are participating in our Transfer Pathways program:

- University of California – Davis
- University of California – Irvine
- University of California – Merced
- University of California – Riverside
- University of California – Santa Barbara
- University of California – Santa Cruz
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Oregon
- San Francisco State University
- University of Washington - Tacoma
- Purdue University – Indiana

Important Program Changes

Language Score Change

Please note we are increasing the IELTS score from 5 to 5.5 for all applicants who are sending in applications as of January 1, 2012. The other language scores will remain the same: TOEFL: PBT 480, iBT 56, and ELS: level 109

Application Changes

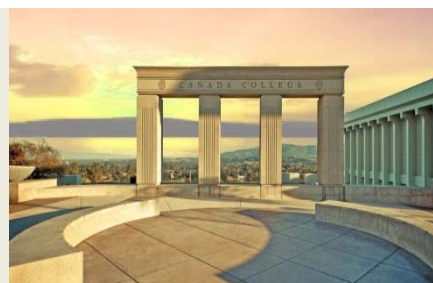
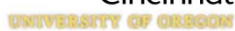
As of January 1, 2012, all applicants will be required to pay a non-refundable application fee of \$50 USD.

Scholarships for Int'l Students

In addition to regular scholarships, San Mateo Colleges now have dedicated scholarships for international students who can apply for these scholarships at the same time when applying for admission. Information on how to apply is provided on the application forms. Look under "The Global Beca Foundation of San Mateo Colleges".

For Ongoing Updates

Please check our website often for changes and other updates: www.smccd.edu/international



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Local Language Schools for Intensive English Training

The following list contains names of language schools near San Mateo Colleges who partner with our three colleges by providing intensive English training to students. Students whose language scores are not meeting our requirements may be admitted to these language schools with our conditional admission letters:

- [AAE \(American Academy of English\)](#)
- [ELS](#)
- [Golden Gate Language School](#)
- [Intrax English Institute](#)
- [ILSC \(International Language Schools of Canada\)](#)
- [Language Pacifica](#)
- [San Francisco Institute of English](#)



Homestays

(www.isphomestays.com)

ISP Homestays is the company we highly recommend to you. It is headquartered in San Mateo County and we work very closely with their staff. [See my endorsement here.](#) Homestays, as you know, is an effective way to get foreign students to become familiar with the American way of life. Please remember the following when recommending students to ISP Homestays:

- 1) Contact the company as soon the student has obtained their visa, preferably 30 days before their scheduled arrival date in the U.S.
- 2) Remind students they have contractual obligations with the host families, such as a 30-day notice if they want to move out.
- 3) Remind students that living with an American family is rewarding, and at the same time, challenging for someone away from their own parents. They need to respect the host family's rules. Please try to keep noise down, never smoke inside the house, and ask for permission when using things that do not belong to them.

We have noticed many students select the choice of "being allergic to animals". This eliminates many American families from being able to host the student. Of course, if you do have a known allergy, you must tell us.

A Story About Meiyi Jung



Meiyi Jung came to Cañada College from China's famous Nanjing Jin-ling High School (南京金陵中学) this year. Her mother is a documentary film producer. Meiyi first

heard about Cañada College from her mother's friend, who had spoken with Vice Chancellor Dr. Jing Luan, on one of his many trips to China on behalf of the San Mateo Colleges district.

Meiyi believes she has made a great decision in choosing Cañada. "The environment is amazing! I take pictures of the sky and charming mountains all the time because they seem to change every day." Meiyi really loves having the small, personal environment of a community college, and feels that Cañada is a great place to prepare for transferring to a larger four-year University. She says "You can go to your professors and counselors whenever you need a helping hand. Recently, I went to see my economics teacher, Professor Roscelli, to ask about the homework, and we ended up talking for more than hour on many topics, including Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), Cañada's honor society. I wouldn't have known about this club otherwise, and I'm really glad I joined it.

She is also excited to be the president of the new Cañada College International Communication Club.

After finishing her first two years at Cañada, Meiyi plans to transfer to either **Stanford** or **UCLA**.

Marketing Fee Invoice

For those who have agreements with us, we require that you send us invoices for the students. The invoice needs to contain as much detailed information as possible about the student(s).



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