

A Guide for International Students



**A Two-Year Public Community College
near Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.**

College  Lake County™



International Students

Starting here is a great way to begin your college education

College of Lake County (CLC) has the community college advantage. Public community colleges are the best financial value in the American education system, because tuition is less than half the cost of a public university. Community colleges offer courses that are equivalent to the first two years at a university, but at a far lower cost.

2 + 2 system

After two years of full-time study, community college students earn what is called an associate degree. CLC offers more than 50 associate transfer degree programs and several types of associate degrees that will be accepted for transfer to a university.

These include Associate in Arts (A.A.) and Associate in Science (A.S.) degrees. Students earning associate degrees take required general education courses as well as courses from a chosen major. With planning, courses taken at CLC will transfer to a university, and after two more years of study, the student earns a bachelor's degree from the university. This is often called the "2 + 2" approach to earning a four-year degree—two years at a community college and two years at a university, and is a very economical way to earn a bachelor's degree.

Where our students have transferred

Arizona State University
Brown University
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
DePaul University
Eastern Illinois University
Georgia Tech
Georgetown University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Lake Forest College
Loyola University
Marquette University
Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design
Northern Illinois University
Northwestern University
Purdue University
Southern Illinois University
Swarthmore College
University of California-Berkeley
University of Chicago
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Wisconsin-Madison
University of Wisconsin- Parkside

Four-Year Partners offer CLC students Guaranteed Transfer Admissions

Regional, national and international colleges and universities offer Guaranteed Transfer Admission to CLC students who meet the agreement requirements of the college or university where they want to transfer.

- Start at CLC and finish at a college or university of your choice with CLC's Guaranteed Transfer Admission program.
- Know that you're admitted to your transfer school as early as your first semester at CLC.
- Save thousands in tuition costs and have lower student debt.

- Benefit from personalized academic planning from both institutions.
- Learn from CLC's outstanding faculty in high quality classes that will provide a solid foundation for transfer.
- Earn your bachelor's degree seamlessly...
GUARANTEED!

To learn more, as each agreement is unique, visit www.clcillinois.edu/guaranteedtransfer.

Guaranteed Transfer Admission partners include:



This list is current as of June 2018. More partners will be added soon.

Our Services

College of Lake County offers international students many advantages:

- An award-winning Intensive English Language Program to help students learn necessary English language skills to enter and succeed in college-level classes. Our Intensive English Language Program is accredited by the American Association of Intensive English Programs (AAIEP) www.englishusa.org.
- A special international orientation, specialized workshops and a peer mentor program.
- Two full-time staff members dedicated to recruiting and serving international students.
- Free airport pickup service from O'Hare International Airport.
- More than 50 associate degree transfer areas.
- A diverse population of 15,000 students, but with small class sizes (average class size: 21 students).
- Many social and cultural activities offered by the International Student Club, Multicultural Student Center and other student clubs.
- Free wireless internet throughout campus.
- Tennis courts, a gym and fitness center, intercollegiate athletic teams and a scenic 4-kilometer fitness trail around lakes and natural prairies.
- Housing referrals to residential hotels and apartments.
- Shuttle service to campus from a residential hotel.
- Limited scholarships available to students after one semester.

CLC International Students





Chicago skyline



College of Lake County, Language Lab

Location

Our largest campus is located in Grayslake, population 20,300. The college is an hour away from the cities of Chicago, Illinois and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It takes just 60-75 minutes to travel to Chicago on Metra's Milwaukee District North line train (www.metrarail.com).

City of Chicago

Chicago is the third largest city in the United States with 2.8 million residents, located on the beautiful shores of Lake Michigan in the friendly upper Midwest (www.choosechicago.com) and home to:

- Championship professional sports teams, such as the Chicago Bulls, White Sox and Blackhawks.
- World-class performing arts groups such as the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Joffrey Ballet and The Second City comedy troupe.
- Several famous museums including the Art Institute of Chicago, the Field Museum of Natural History, the Museum of Science and Industry and the Shedd Aquarium.
- Culturally diverse neighborhoods such as Chinatown, Ukrainian Village, Greektown and Little Italy plus cultural events and music festivals that promote cross-cultural understanding.
- O'Hare International Airport.

Lake County

- Lake County is located in northeastern Illinois, with Lake Michigan (one of the five Great Lakes) to the east, the state of Wisconsin to the north and the city of Chicago to the south. Lake County contains 52 friendly and safe suburban cities set among 75 lakes (www.lakecountyil.gov).
- Enjoy the four seasons at one of 56 Lake County Forest Preserves that offer a variety of recreational opportunities, including walking and biking trails, canoeing, boating and more (www.lcfpd.org). For tourist information, visit www.visitlakecounty.org.

Weather

Month	Average high temperature	Average rain/snowfall
January	1° C	Snow 27.9 cm
April	14° C	Rain 8.88 cm
July	28° C	Rain 9.64 cm
October	17° C	Rain 6.35 cm

What International Students Say About CLC



Javier Lara Cartagena of Honduras

Major: Engineering

“Attending CLC has been an amazing experience. I am so

thankful for all the support and the teachings I have received. CLC has numerous opportunities available for students to succeed in many aspects, and I have worked hard to seize them, even as I have encountered challenges that have helped me grow.”

Hosannah Dalogdog of the Phillipines

Major: Pre-pharmacy

“I enjoy the small class sizes here at CLC, because I feel like I learn better in this type of environment. I believe being at CLC is helping me adjust to the U.S. higher education system and that my experience will provide me a smoother transition to university life later. I am a Student Ambassador in CLC’s New Student Orientation office. I like the fact that I get to represent CLC and interact with incoming students.”

Jung Yun Hwang of South Korea

Major: Human Services

“When I came to the states to study from South Korea, I never thought that Illinois would be my second home. I have visited the West, East and South and never felt it was the right place until I finally settled here. I started taking ESL classes for a few years and I recognized that professors and teachers were the highest in quality among other community colleges in Illinois.”

Sofia Karionova of Russia

Major: Applied Mathematics

“I loved all my CLC math classes, but taking Calculus with Byron Hunter was a turning point for me. Before I came to the U.S., I wasn’t sure what career path I wanted to pursue. I realized that applied math is my career passion.”



Julia Lachkova of Ukraine

Major: Business Administration and Management

“I had a dream to study in the U.S. I was 14 years old when I first visited

America. I fell in love with this country, and since then I definitely knew where I wanted to study and work. I used to wonder what I could do to make my dream a reality. Entering a four-year college was quite expensive for my family, that’s why my decision was to start with College of Lake County and then transfer to a university. In addition to an affordable price, the college atmosphere is very amicable and domestic.”

Dong Lee of South Korea

Major: Culinary and Hospitality Management

“If I can get an associate degree, it will definitely change my whole life and give me various experiences that will help my life’s goal. CLC’s education program and curriculum is better than other community colleges.”





Students visiting from Ehime University, Japan

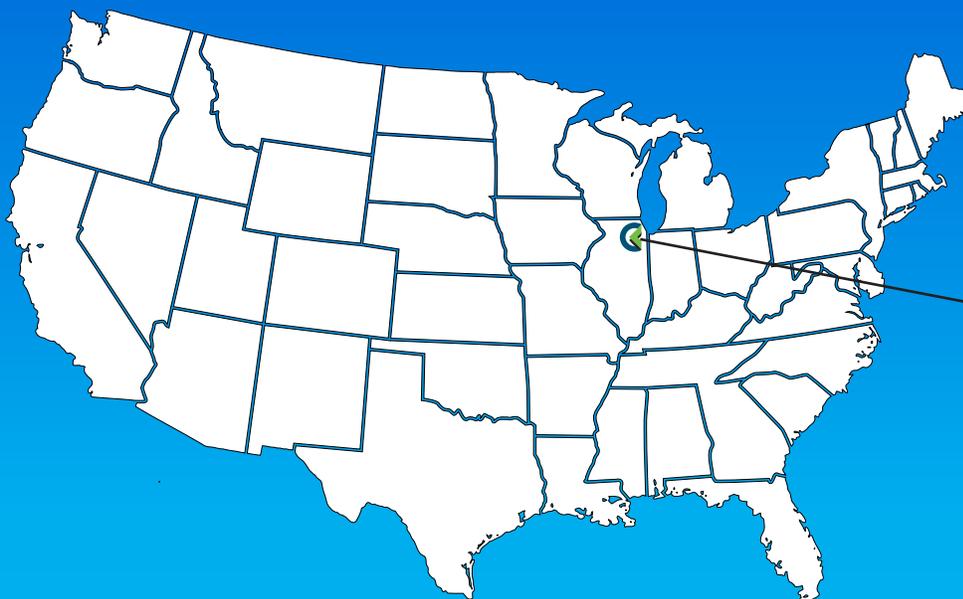
Application Process

- International Student Application
- Proof of high school/secondary school completion
- Proof of financials/official bank letter
- Copy of passport showing legal name
- Affidavit of Support

The packet containing this checklist and forms is available at www.clcillinois.edu/international.

When to apply

Our semesters are 16 weeks long. Classes begin in late August and mid-January. Application deadlines are July 1 for fall semester and November 1 for spring semester. New students may begin their studies during fall or spring semester (August or January).



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Who to Contact

Center for International Education
Email: international@clcillinois.edu
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The College of Lake County utilizes partnerships with organizations all over the world in order to assist in our recruitment efforts of international students.

CLC is committed to maintaining an environment free from harassment and discrimination for everyone and does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other protected status. Responsibility for coordination of compliance efforts and receipt of inquiries has been delegated to the Dean of Student Life, 19351 W. Washington St., Grayslake, IL 60030, (847) 543-2288.



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