



## International Student Admissions Checklist

International students may attend Life Chiropractic College West on the F-1 (student) status, as long as they meet the admission and visa status requirements. The college has the ability to issue the I-20 form, which is a certificate that enables an applicant to apply for an F-1 visa and/or to enter the U.S.A in the F-1 visa status. The I-20 can be issued once a student has been fully accepted and met the requirements for the visa status.

### STEP ONE:

The following items should be received at least **60** days prior to the start of the quarter:

- Completed application with non-refundable \$45 application fee (available online).
- Essay (“Why I Want to become a Chiropractor” in a one to two page essay, 12 point font size).
- Entrance Interview (this may be arranged as a phone or written interview).
- Copy of your High School Diploma.
- Transcript evaluations for all colleges and/or universities attended. International transcripts must be evaluated by an approved agency, such as WES ([www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org)). Please contact your International Admissions Advisor for more information.
- If English is not your native language, a TOEFL score of at least 80 (internet based test), with a sub score of at least 21 in listening and comprehension. Life West’s Institution code for TOEFL is 4458.
- If you are transferring from another F-1 approved school, a completed transfer eligibility form must be completed. Please contact your International Admissions Advisor for more information.

### STEP TWO:

After you have received full acceptance to Life West, the following documents must be submitted before the I-20 can be issued.

- Confidential financial statement from bank or financial institution (financial support documentation must demonstrate student has access to the minimum funds required and funds must be converted to U.S dollars). Please contact your International Admissions Advisor for more information.
- I-20 request form (<http://lifewest.edu/prospective-students/admissions/international-students/i-20-online-request-form/>). Additionally, a copy of the student’s passport as well as the passports of all accompanying dependents.

### STEP THREE:

Here are the steps that follow receipt of your I-20:

- Pay your SEVIS I-901 fee (<http://www.fmjfee.com>). Keep a copy of the receipt with your I-20, as it is a required document for admission to the U.S.A as an F-1 student.
- Apply for visa through the U.S Consulate.
- Work with your International Admissions Advisor to ensure you have all the documents required to enter the U.S.A.
- Book your travel to the U.S.A. You are able to enter the U.S.A 30 days prior to your program start date as stated on your I-20. Please inform your International Admissions Advisor of your travel plans.
- Plan to attend orientation (this normally occurs the Friday before classes begin).
- Work with Life West to find housing and obtain medical insurance, if applicable (not required).

### STEP FOUR:

You will meet with your International Admissions Advisor at the International Orientation held the Thursday before classes begin. Please bring the following documentation with you:

- Copies of your current visa or signed I-20.

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