

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	STUDENT SERVICES ADMISSIONS - UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS	Procedure 6.01.01.01
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Except as otherwise provided herein, undocumented immigrants shall be admitted to the College based upon the regular admission procedures outlined in Policy 6.01.01 – Admissions. For purposes of this Procedure, “undocumented immigrant” means any immigrant who is not lawfully present in the United States. When determining who is an undocumented immigrant, the College shall use federal immigration classifications.

The College shall admit undocumented immigrants under the following conditions:

1. The College shall admit an undocumented immigrant only if he or she attended and graduated from a United States public high school, private high school or home school that operates in compliance with State or local law.
 - a. A student with an Adult High School diploma from a school located in the United States and operates or operated in compliance with State or local law is eligible for admission.
 - b. A student with a high school equivalency diploma is not eligible for admission.
 - c. Accreditation of the high school shall not be considered in the admission process.
2. Undocumented immigrants admitted must comply with all federal and state laws concerning financial aid.
3. An undocumented immigrant admitted shall not be considered a North Carolina resident for tuition purposes and must be charged out of state tuition whether or not they reside in North Carolina.
4. When considering whether to admit an undocumented immigrant into a specific program of study, the College shall take into account that federal law prohibits states from granting professional licenses to undocumented immigrants.
5. Students lawfully present in the United States shall have priority over any undocumented immigrant in any class or program of study when capacity limitations exist.
6. In reference to #5 above and when enrollment is likely to exceed class capacity, an admitted undocumented student may not be permitted to register for a class, program of study, or be placed on a waiting list until the conclusion of the last published registration date for the term.

Legal Reference: 1D SBCCC 400.2; NC Community College Written Memoranda CC10-026 (issued 7/12/10, entitled “Change in the Administrative Code”)

Cross Reference: 06.01.01 – Admissions

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