

VERMONT TECH

Welcome International Students

Congratulations on your acceptance to Vermont Tech! My name is **Kathleen Mason** and I am the International Student Resource Coordinator for Vermont Tech. I am available to assist you to make your time at Vermont Tech as successful as possible. You can reach me at: kmason2@vtc.vsc.edu

Included here is information on international student pre-arrival requirements, arrival information, orientation schedules and initial information regarding the start to your first semester at Vermont Tech.

Prior to Arrival to Vermont Tech

August 1st Due date:

Tuition and/or Housing deposit: The tuition deposit of \$300 is due **August 1st 2016**. If you are planning on living on campus your housing deposit of \$200 is also due **August 1st 2016**

Pick up Service request: If you require pick up service from Burlington Airport, bus station or Amtrak station contact Kathleen Mason with your request at: kmason2@vtc.vsc.edu

Temporary/Early Arrival Housing request: Temporary housing in our dormitories is available for up to 30 days. Please contact Kathleen Mason at: kmason2@vtc.vsc.edu by **August 1st 2016**.

Arrival at Vermont Tech

Date: International students should plan on arriving to our Randolph campus no later than **Friday August 19th at 9:00AM** to begin orientation. Registration begins at 8:30AM and a light breakfast will be provided.

Early Arrival: If your transportation requires you to arrive to campus prior to 9:00 a.m. on Friday August 19th you will need to contact Kathleen Mason to ensure early housing is available.

Orientation

REQUIRED International Student Orientation: New International student orientation begins **Friday August 19th** at 9:00 AM. Registration begins at 8:30 with a light breakfast offered. This is a **required orientation** for international students. During this orientation we will ensure that your documentation is complete and you become familiar with the campus through fun activities.

Shopping: During the orientation weekend there will be time available to take care of personal needs such as shopping for necessary items or setting up a bank account at a local banking institution.

New Student Orientation and Welcome Weekend: International students are **REQUIRED** to be available for all New Student Orientation on August 20th and August 21st. Essential information will be provided and specific requirements for student registration and student accounts will need to be completed prior to starting class on August 22nd.

Fall Semester

Classes begin Monday August 22nd. It is expected that you will be registered for your courses, **be in attendance** and have your books purchased by the first day of classes.

On-going orientation: Throughout the semester there will be a series of orientation activities specially designed for international students. Most international students will be required to enroll in an Effective Learning course. Information that will be discussed throughout the course will include: culture shock, keeping your F-1 visa "in-status", American professor expectations, academic honesty, study tips, tutoring services, dating in America, getting the most out of American college life and developing meaningful cross-cultural friendships.

Summary of important dates

- Immediate: Complete your I-20 and F-1 visa requirements.
- August 1st
 - Tuition and Housing deposit due
 - Contact Kathleen Mason at kmason2@vtc.vsc.edu for the following:
 - Pick-up Service Request
 - Temporary or early Housing Request
- Wednesday August 17th – Pick up service availability begins and dormitories open for new International students
- Friday August 19th – International Student Orientation
- Saturday August 20th and Sunday August 21st - New Student Orientation and Welcome Weekend
- Monday August 22nd – Classes begin

HOUSING

If under the age of 22 years you will be required to live on campus with a roommate.

If you are over the age of 22 years you may choose to live off campus but it is your responsibility to make ALL arrangements related to the apartment search and paying bills. Contact Kathleen Mason at: kmason2@vtc.vsc.edu for websites and resources to find off-campus housing BEFORE classes start.

**If you need temporary housing while looking for an apartment we allow students to live in the residence hall for a maximum of 30 days. The cost is \$181.40 per week and is due when you arrive. If you would like to purchase a meal plan please see the dining hall staff.*

Transferring your college credits to Vermont Tech:

If you attended college in your home country you MUST have an official credit evaluation done by World Education Services (www.wes.org).

If you attended a college or university in the US contact the college you previously attended and request a transcript to be sent to:

Vermont Tech, Office of Admissions

PO Box 500, Randolph Center, VT 05601, United States

Addresses at Vermont Tech:

Physical Addresses:

Vermont Tech

1 Main Street

Randolph Center, VT 05061

Vermont Tech Williston Campus

201 Lawrence Place

Williston, VT 05495

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 500

Randolph Center, VT 05661

Primary Contact for your I-20:

Nate Ball

Assistant Director of Admissions

802-728-1798 or nball@vtc.edu