

Catalog Addendum – October 2015

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International Students

Mount Mercy welcomes international students to its campus, recognizing that they enrich the educational experience for all students by contributing to the intellectual, social, and cultural diversity of the Mount Mercy community. The following additional items are required for admission for international students:

- Official or true certified copies of the applicant's post-secondary academic record (transcripts, examination scores, mark sheets, etc.) evaluated by a foreign credential evaluation agency, which is a member of NACES: www.naces.org/members.htm If a transcript is evaluated, a course-by-course evaluation is required to register.
- Official or true certified copies of the applicant's diploma or degree certificate in both English and the original language needed to register.
- Documentation of English language proficiency for all non-native speakers of English.
 - TOEFL 79 iBT; 213 CBT; 550 paper-based
 - IELTS - 6.5
 - STEP - Eiken (Grade 1)
 - Completed ELS Level 112
 - Program Directors may waive the English language proficiency test scores upon interviewing a student who meets one of the following criteria:
 1. Undergraduate education in English
 2. Worked in the United States in a professional job for more than 1 year
 3. Studied for at least two semesters in the United States
 4. English is native language
- Students who need Mount Mercy to issue an I-20 form for the F-1 (student) visa must also provide a [Certificate of Finance](#) form or letter with affidavit from their bank stating that they have sufficient funds to study in the U.S.
- Copy of the information page of the passport for the student and any dependents who seek an F-2 visa.

Submitting Digital Transcripts/Proof of Degree

For international candidates only, we are able to review your application using unofficial, digitally duplicated copies of your transcript submitted from a Mount Mercy partnered international recruiting service.

These records must be legible and include:

- The subjects you studied by year, with grades, marks, or percentages;
- Grades, marks, or percentages earned in year-end examinations;
- Proof that the degree was conferred. I.E., diplomas, titles, degrees, or certificates awarded.

If you are offered admission, the offer will be contingent upon receipt and verification of official transcripts. You will not be able to register until this has been completed.