

DCTC Policy 3.4 Admission

Part 1. Policy Statement

Dakota County Technical College considers all applicants for admission regardless of race, sex, color, creed, religion, age, national origin, disability, marital status, status in regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, or gender identity. The college follows an open door admission policy, which means that any person who has graduated from an accredited high school, successfully completed a General Educational Development (GED) examination, or who can demonstrate an Ability to Benefit is eligible for admission.

Dakota County Technical College has taken steps to ensure that lack of English skills will not pose a barrier to participating in the application, admissions, and enrollment process. These include provisions for communicating with student affairs personnel and a well-defined information and referral process.,

Part 2. Definitions

Subpart A. Admission

“Admission” means a student's initial entrance into a Minnesota State college or university as a candidate for a certificate, diploma, or degree.

Subpart B. International Student

“International student” means a student who is required to be registered under the Federal Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS).

Subpart C. Non-Degree Seeking Student

A student who is not seeking a degree or certificate at the college. Non-degree seeking students are not eligible for financial aid.

Subpart E. Visiting Student

A student who is not admitted to the college, but has registered for courses by creating an eServices account or through their eServices account at another Minnesota State institution.

Subpart E. Ability to Benefit

Basis on which a student without a high school diploma, a recognized equivalent, or a General Education Diploma (GED) may qualify for admission to the college. The placement test is the approved Ability to Benefit test at Dakota County Technical College. Students admitted through the Ability to Benefit provision are not eligible to receive federal financial aid.

Related Documents:

- [Dakota County Technical College Admissions Procedure](#)
- [Minnesota State Colleges and Universities BOT Undergraduate Admissions Policy 3.4](#)

- [Minnesota State Colleges and Universities BOT Admissions Procedure 3.4.1](#)
- [Minnesota State Colleges and Universities BOT Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program Policy 3.5](#)
- [Minnesota State Colleges and Universities BOT Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program Procedure 3.5.1](#)

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