



**NORTHWEST SUBURBAN
COLLEGE**



International Student Brochure

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Service, Excellence, & Compassion





[Northwest Suburban College](#) warmly welcomes international students to join our diverse community of knowledge-seekers. Our global campus strives to serve a range of international students—across Africa to Asia, North America to South America. Regardless of where you call home, when you join NWSC, you will be part of a family that nurtures you both academically and socially.

NWSC's ultimate goal is the enhancement of education through outstanding academic vigor in a supportive environment. This is made possible by caring advisors who are available for academic and student support and who serve as resources to explore the many attractions of the Chicago area. In addition, our highly trained and experienced faculty encourage you to explore academic disciplines to new heights.

At NWSC, you will have the advantage of small class sizes, where you are provided with direct attention from your professor. You will also have externship opportunities that will give you real-world experience and opportunities to network with professionals in the field. Through it all, your advisor will be there for you, helping you along in this new adventure.



PROGRAMS OFFERED AT NWSC

Certificate Programs

- Dental Assistant
- Medical Assistant
- Pharmacy Technician

Program for International Students:

NWSC is committed to preparing its students for advancement and growth in the field of health sciences. In addition to campus classroom sessions, students may have the opportunity to participate in externships at research laboratories and healthcare facilities, such as doctor's offices and hospitals.





TUITION AND FEES

NWSC believes that nothing should hinder the pursuit of education, so we strive to provide an affordable education for our students. Our low tuition rates, combined with our quality, direct instruction and caring community, offers more for less.

Yearly Tuition and Fees for Entire Program:

Medical Assistant & Dental Assistant Programs: \$11,584

Pharmacy Technician: \$7,500

Yearly estimated cost of boarding: \$4,500

Yearly estimated cost of lodging: \$12,500

Yearly estimated cost of attendance for the program:

Medical Assistant and Dental Assistant: \$28,584

Pharmacy Technician: \$24,500

Application Fee (for issuance of I-20): \$150





ADMISSIONS

NWSC has a rolling admissions policy, which means we accept applications year-round. Students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible (and at least 60 days prior to the desired start date) to ensure all requirements are met and paperwork is submitted prior to the start of the term.

To Apply:

1. Submit a completed Admissions Application with the \$150 I-20 issuance fee as well as official transcripts.
 - a. Submit online application at nwsc.edu/international
It is very important you provide exact, detailed information in your application.
 - b. Payments may be made in the form of a money order or cashier's check (sent with the application) or bank transfer.

*Bank account: Northwest Suburban College, JPMorgan Chase Bank, Acc # [927630806](#), Routing No # [071000013](#)

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2. Submit the official high school/10+2 transcript, in English. Students who have completed any college credits are to submit any/all college transcripts.

Transcripts should be uploaded to the application section. If online is not an option, then mail it to:

International Student Admissions
5999 S. New Wilke Road, Building 500
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008-4504
United States of America

- 3.** Submit an official copy of your TOEFL or IELTS score, if available.
 - a. Students who have not completed the TOEFL or IELTS exam will be tested on their language abilities and may be required to complete language training courses.
- 4.** Submit a color copy of the first two pages of your passport (containing your demographic and personal information).
- 5.** Submit a Personal Statement.

This typed, one-page, single spaced document should reflect on why you are interested in pursuing your education at NWSC as well as your future personal and professional goals. Additionally, students may use this opportunity to address any items relevant to college admissions.
- 6.** Submit proof of funds.

Students must submit financial evidence that you/your spouse/your parents have sufficient funds to cover tuition and living expenses for, at a minimum, one academic year of education at NWSC. Acceptable documents include tax documents, original bank records, and/or statements.

NWSC will review your application and notify you of the admissions decision within 30 days of receiving your application and all supporting materials.





HOUSING

Housing is readily available in the northwest suburbs of Chicago, and as a service to students, Northwest Suburban College will provide a list of available rental facilities around the campus. Prices for many of the facilities include utilities, such as heat, water, cooking gas, and trash. NWSC also has arrangements with private apartment owners located only a few feet from the campus, where furnished units are available at reasonable costs.

Students are highly encouraged to share apartments in order to reduce costs and build a sense of community. For those interested in more information about housing and rooming with NWSC students, contact the NWSC Admissions Representative at admissions@nwsc.edu.



NORTHWEST SUBURB STATISTICS

Our suburban Chicago campus is home to a diverse, motivated, multicultural community. Located in the heart of Rolling Meadows, Illinois, NWSC is approximately 20 miles northwest of downtown Chicago--where students can enjoy the benefits of Chicago as a cultural hub. Public transportation is easily accessible from the campus, including buses and trains running from Chicago and throughout the Chicagoland area, and Uber and Lyft (ride-sharing services) are readily available as well.

NWSC is within walking distance from affordable housing areas and a short drive from biking and nature trails at the Ned Brown Forest Preserve and Busse Woods. The suburban metropolitan campus provides the benefits of a myriad of social opportunities. From local and organic cafes to popular hotspots and elegant dining experiences, the northwest suburbs offer a plethora of cultural experiences and sports venues, including theaters, symphonies, museums, and amusement parks. A variety of ethnic resources are available throughout the area, including grocery and other specialty stores.

Enjoy the seasons with Chicago's variable climates. Whether you are spending a warm summer day at the beach, enjoying a spring picnic at the local park, watching the leaves change colors in the fall, or sledding on white snow in winter, Illinois' northwest suburbs will give you the chance to enjoy it all! Below is a chart outlining typical climate behavior in Chicago.

CLIMATE	Chicago, Illinois	United States
Rainfall (in.)	35.9	36.5
Snowfall (in.)	27.5	25
Precipitation Days	124	100
Sunny Days	189	205
Avg. Jul. High	83°F/28.3°C	86.5°F/30.2°C
Avg. Jan. Low	18.4°F/-7.5°C	20.5°F/-6.3°C
Comfort Index (higher=better)	47	44
UV Index	3.6	4.3
Elevation ft.	593	1,443

The campus is located at 5999 S. New Wilke Road, Rolling Meadows, Illinois, where ample parking is available. NWSC operates out of two buildings comprising 23,000 square feet. The classrooms are conducive to student learning and well equipped to facilitate teaching. The laboratories house medical supplies, microscopes, centrifuges, and other necessary instruments for clinical practice. The cozy library has a growing collection of books, journals, magazines, videos, compact disks, and newspapers. Student computer labs are equipped with internet access, program-specific software, and printers.

VISA PROCESS

If accepted to Northwest Suburban College, NWSC will provide you with a Letter of Acceptance and completed Form I-20, which is required for the M-1 visa.

Thereafter, you should:

1. Pay the SEVIS I-901 fee prior to applying for a student visa, applying for student status at a point-of-entry, or applying for change of status within the United States. Be sure to save a copy of the receipt. You can pay using the following methods:
 - a. Online: <http://www.fmjfee.com>
 - b. Western Union using the Western Union QuickPay option to remit payment
 - c. Check or money order mailed to SEVP

2. Apply for an M-1 visa with your local U.S. consulate or embassy. Refer to <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/list-of-posts.html> for more information, including how to apply and set up an interview appointment.
 - a. Please notify your NWSC Advisor via email of your interview date and time.

3. Bring all required documents with you to the scheduled interview at the U.S. consulate or embassy.

4. Once approved, notify your NWSC Advisor. Your advisor will send you additional information about housing, transportation to/from the airport, orientation and class schedules, etc. When traveling, be sure to bring the required documents needed for the visa interview to the airport to show the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Officers. Please consult your local consulate or embassy for additional information.

WHY SELECT NORTHWEST SUBURBAN COLLEGE?

As a not-for-profit institution, we offer more for less.

- Our tuition fees are competitive with many other U.S. colleges.
- NWSC faculty are highly experienced professionals. Not only do our faculty possess great depth in their field, they are also amazing teachers who understand what it means to educate.
- The NWSC community is made up of an international group of dedicated faculty and staff as well as welcoming students.
- The northwest suburbs are rich with people of different ethnicities, cultural groups, and faiths. Rolling Meadows is surrounded by a variety of ethnic stores, restaurants, and religious centers.
- Make Northwest Suburban College your second home, and achieve your full potential at NWSC!



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