

International Application Requirements

The Graduate School welcomes applications from qualified candidates holding a minimum of a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution with at least a 2.5 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale. GRE or GMAT exams are not required.

Due to state regulations for teacher certification, international students are not eligible to apply to the following graduate programs: Reading Specialization, Curriculum and Instruction, and Educational Leadership (M.S. and 18-credit certification preparation).

The Graduate School application process is easy and convenient by following these four steps:

Step 1: Complete the online graduate school application by required deadlines; to allow a timely review of applications, students on F-1 visas must adhere to these deadlines to ensure enough time for the processing of I-20 documents and visa interviews with embassies. Any applications that become complete after the deadlines may be reviewed on a space permitting basis. Late applications may be deferred for review for the following semester.

- December 1 for spring semester (Nov 15 for Counseling)
- March 15 for summer semester
- July 15 for fall semester (June 15 for Counseling)

Step 2: Submit College Transcripts

Students who earned a bachelor's degree in the U.S. need to request that an official transcript be mailed or emailed directly from the institution to the address listed below. Student copies will **not** be accepted via fax or email.

The Graduate School at Hood College

401 Rosemont Ave.

Frederick, MD 21701

Email: gofurther@hood.edu

Students who earned a bachelor's degree outside of the U.S. need to submit an official* course-by-course evaluation to:

The Graduate School at Hood College

401 Rosemont Ave.

Frederick, MD 21701

*Hood College accepts evaluations from any member of the National Association for Credential Evaluation Services (NACES), www.naces.org (i.e. World Education Services (WES), Educational Perspectives). The evaluation must be received by the Graduate School in a sealed envelope or via email directly from the evaluation service.

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Step 3: Submit official test score reports for English language proficiency.

Students, who do not have at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited college/university in the U.S., United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Ireland or New Zealand, must submit an official score report from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS). The Hood College school code is **5296**.

The overall test score requirements for admission are:

- TOEFL 79 (Internet-based)
- IELTS 5.5

Step 4: Submit any additional application documents to the Graduate School at gofurther@hood.edu. (Please visit www.hood.edu/gradapply for program-specific requirements.)

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis and students are notified of admission decisions approximately two weeks after their application file becomes complete.

Questions and More Information

For answers to your questions or for more information, please contact the appropriate office listed below.

For application questions please contact the Graduate School by phone at (301) 696-3600, (800) 922-1599 or by fax (301) 696-3597 or by e-mail at gofurther@hood.edu.

For I-20 Questions please contact Kiran Chadda, Ph.D., Primary Designated School Officer by phone at (301) 696-3799 or by e-mail at kchadda@hood.edu.



Graduate School

Form I-20 International Application

Name (as shown on passport) _____
Last First Middle

Current International Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YR) _____ Location of Birth (City, Country) _____

Country of Citizenship _____ Country of Legal Permanent Residence _____

Please check one: Male Female

Relative or Contact Information in the United States

Name _____
Last First Middle

Current Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

If you are already in the United States, and do not intend to go abroad before beginning your studies at Hood College, please indicate your current visa status: _____

Proof of English Proficiency

An I-20 cannot be issued until this is complete. Please check one.

English is my native language.

I have graduated from a university in the U.S., U.K., Ireland, Canada, New Zealand or Australia.

I have taken the TOEFL or IELTS and scores have been sent.

I have been interviewed by _____ at Hood College.
Name Title

Proof of Financial Ability

An I-20 cannot be issued until this is complete. Please check the items provided.

Declaration of Finances in U.S. dollars

Bank statement including money to be used for education in U.S. dollars

Affidavit of support signed and notarized by your sponsor, in U.S. dollars

Other _____

Do you plan to come to the United States alone? Yes No

If no, who will accompany you? (Immediate family members only): _____

Family/Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth	Country of Birth	Relationship
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Signature

I certify that the information given above is true and correct and that I understand I must be enrolled as a full-time student (except during the summer session). I also understand that DHS regulations prohibit me from working off campus while I am in F-1 status.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

To be completed by Hood College Officials
I have received and evaluated the above-named student's academic records, including English ability, and have approved his/her admission to Hood College.
Hood College Official Signature _____

Affidavit of Support

I hereby certify that I am able, willing and do promise to provide my _____ ,
Student's relation to you

_____, with the amount of U.S. \$ _____ , for one year of
Student's name

study at Hood College. Evidence of my financial resources accompanies this affidavit. (Required)

Signature _____ Date _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____
Month Year

Please print name _____

Sponsor's Current Address _____

Signature of Notary Public or Legal Official (seal) _____

Declaration of Finances

Please indicate source of support for each year of study and indicate amount in U.S. dollars.

You are required to certify that you will have adequate financial support for the entire period of your program of study at Hood College. A Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20) for obtaining a visa cannot be issued until you have completed this section and returned it with all official certifications. Please be sure to keep copies of all documents submitted, including this certificate, as you may need this information when you apply to the United States Consul for your visa or to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for permission to transfer to another school.

Support from	First Year	Second Year
SAVINGS: Personal and/or Family		
Name of Bank _____		
Location _____		
Please enclose financial statement in U.S. dollars, signed by a bank official.		
PARENTS AND/OR SPONSOR		
Name _____		
Relationship _____		
Person named must complete the Affidavit of Support. A bank statement in U.S. dollars or employer's statement that the required funds are available must be included with this certificate.		
AWARDS FROM YOUR GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYER, PRIVATE AGENCY OR OTHER		
Name _____		
Address _____		

Please enclose validated official copies of the terms of your award from all sponsors.		
TOTAL		
Total U.S. \$ _____		
to complete your course of study at Hood College.		

Please be certain that all official certifications requested are enclosed with this form. If they are to follow, please indicate. An I-20 cannot be issued until all requirements are met.

Signature

By signing this form, I certify that the information above is a correct statement of my arrangements for financing my studies at Hood College. I understand that any changes in my financial situation must be reported to Hood College immediately.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____