

Canadian Student Admissions Checklist

International students may attend Life Chiropractic College West on the F-1 (student) status, as long as they meet the admission and visa status requirements. The college has the ability to issue the I-20 form, which is a certificate that enables an applicant to apply for an F-1 visa and/or to enter the U.S.A in the F-1 visa status. The I-20 can be issued once a student has been fully accepted and met the requirements for the visa status.

STEP ONE:

The following items should be received at least 60 days prior to start of the quarter.

- Completed application with non-refundable \$45 application fee (available online).
- Essay (“Why I Want to become a Chiropractor” in a one to two page essay, 12 point font size).
- Entrance Interview (this may be arranged as a phone or written interview).
- Copy of your High School Diploma.
- Official transcripts from all colleges and/or universities attended.
- If you are transferring from another F-1 approved school, a completed transfer eligibility form must be completed and submitted. Please contact your International Admissions Advisor for more information.

STEP TWO:

After you have received full acceptance to Life West, the following documents must be submitted before the I-20 can be issued.

- Confidential financial statement from bank or financial institution (financial support documentation must demonstrate student has access to the minimum funds required and funds must be converted to U.S dollars). Ensure you have a copy of all financial documents, as you will need to keep these with you when you cross the border. Please contact your International Admissions Advisor for more information.
- I-20 request form (<http://lifewest.edu/prospective-students/admissions/international-students/i-20-online-request-form/>). Additionally, a copy of the student’s passport as well as the passports of all accompanying dependents must be submitted.

STEP THREE:

Here are the steps that follow receipt of your I-20:

- Pay your SEVIS I-901 fee (<http://www.fmjfee.com>). Keep a copy of the receipt with your I-20, as it is a required document for admission to the U.S.A as an F-1 student.
- Work with Life West to find housing and obtain medical insurance, if applicable (not required).
- Book your travel to the U.S.A. You are able to enter the U.S.A thirty days prior to your program start date, as listed on your I-20. Please inform your International Admissions Advisor of your travel plans.
- Plan to attend orientation (this normally occurs the Friday before classes begin).
- Work with your International Admissions Advisor to ensure you have all documents required to enter the U.S.A.

STEP FOUR:

On your first day on campus, you will meet with your International Admissions Advisor. Please bring the following documentation with you:

- Copies of your current visa or signed I-20.

Your current International Admissions Advisor on campus is **Deborah Herlocker**.