

## International Applicants

The College will consider students for admission who have attended schooling systems outside of Canada if their certificates are equivalent to the Quebec Secondary V Diploma, including specific program pre-requisites and requirements.

### Deadline

The deadline for international students to apply for the Autumn semester is February 15th.

### Application Procedures

Vanier College is affiliated with le Service Régional d'Admission du Montréal Métropolitain (SRAM) <http://www.sram.qc.ca> which serves as a clearinghouse for the processing of applications.

Students must apply on-line at <http://sram.omnivox.ca>. There is no paper form of the application.

It is essential that students submit all required documents as per SRAM's on-line instructions. SRAM will return incomplete applications to the student. This may result in lengthy delays in evaluating your application. The delays could result in denial of acceptance to your preferred program.

Note: International applicants cannot be considered for admission in the Winter semester as it is difficult to obtain the necessary governmental authorization before the start of classes in January.

### Academic Requirements

For U.S.A. applicants, Grade 12 is strongly recommended. Applicants interested in entering a Science program would need appropriate math and science courses taken in Grades 11 and 12. It is strongly recommended that applicants applying to a program with pre-requisite Mathematics, Chemistry or Physics submit detailed course descriptions for these courses in order that they may be evaluated by our Science Department to determine whether the course content is comparable to that taught in Quebec high schools.

Equivalent scholarship for most other countries would be completion of pre-university secondary studies. A certified cumulative transcript and a diploma or certificate (officially translated in English or French) is required for evaluation. An above-average academic performance is generally necessary for admission. Secondary school documents must be submitted even if the applicant has completed higher level education.

### Evaluation of Scholarship

International academic documents are evaluated for equivalent scholarship by SRAM (our application clearinghouse). Applicants pay a \$75.00 non-refundable application fee (cost of application plus evaluation of documents).

Applicants living in Canada who have completed high school leaving certificates in a foreign country may have an evaluation done by SRAM for an additional \$45.00 with the application

or beforehand by contacting the Ministère des Relations avec les citoyens et de l'immigration at 514-864-9191 or visit their website at [www.micc.gouv.qc.ca/fr/index.asp](http://www.micc.gouv.qc.ca/fr/index.asp)

## **Language Requirements**

### **English**

All applicants applying from outside Canada whose mother tongue or complete secondary school language of instruction is not English, must submit the result of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (T.O.E.F.L.). The minimum acceptable score for this test is 80 Internet-based or 213 computer-based or 550 paper-based. If the paper-based test is done, then the Test of Written English (T.W.C.) is also recommended. A minimum score of 4.5 is expected. For information regarding these tests, visit <http://www.toefl.org>

Vanier College is a Certified Test Administration Site for TOEFL testing. Visit the [TOEFL page](#) from the Language School website for details.

The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) results are also accepted with a band score of 6.5 or better. Information on IELTS is available at [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org).

Students have the option of writing their TOEFL Internet Based Test here at Vanier. Vanier College is an approved ETS® Certified Test Administration Site. Students should contact the Language School for details.

### **French**

Students admitted to Cegep are required to take two French language general education courses at a certain level of proficiency. Students who are not placed in their introductory French course according to their Quebec high school results will be given a French Placement test after admission.

Students with no knowledge of French will be required to take basic non-credit French courses in preparation for college level French.

Note that there are specific programs that require previous knowledge of French. (See Program Admission Requirements chart in the College Catalogue.)

Students admitted in technology programs who did not graduate with a secondary school diploma from Quebec, may be required to pass a French language exam, administered by the l'Office Québécois de la langue française in order to be permitted to exercise their profession in Quebec.

## **Immigration Regulations**

Letters of admission are sent to applicants in early March. However, the College will not issue a final letter of acceptance until all necessary courses in progress are completed and the official course results are available. The letter of final admission is required for the issue of a study permit. According to government recommendations, we must allow a minimum of 2 months for the processing of the Certificat d'acceptation du Québec (CAQ), then 2 additional months for the processing of the study permit.

Upon receiving a letter of acceptance from the college, the following documents must be obtained by all international students to study in Quebec:

1. A Certificat d'acceptation du Québec (CAQ) issued by the Ministry of Immigration of Quebec. More information can be obtained at [www.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca)
2. A study permit issued by Immigration Canada. Information on obtaining a study permit in Canada can be obtained at [www.cic.gc.ca](http://www.cic.gc.ca).
3. International students are required by law to purchase a medical and hospital insurance plan while they are studying in Quebec. The plan must cover the entire academic year that you attend the college.

The above documents must be submitted to the Admissions Office in early August before registration.

N.B. Students admitted to a technology program that includes obligatory fieldwork ("stage") must obtain a work permit in addition to the study permit before the beginning of the fieldwork.

### **Tuition Fees and Other Expenses**

International student fees are regulated by the Government of Quebec and range from approximately \$4,100 to \$6,400 per semester, per year. Fees are payable prior to registration and subject to change.

The cost of living and studying in Canada for one year is estimated to be about \$6,000 for room and board, and \$500 to \$1,000 for books, depending on course requirements.

International students are not eligible for scholarships.

### **Accommodations**

Vanier College offers a housing directory of affordable accommodations. [Click here](#) for current information on this service.

To request further information by email: [intl-admissions@vaniercollege.qc.ca](mailto:intl-admissions@vaniercollege.qc.ca)