

Student Partner Program – China

The Visa Section of the Canadian Embassy in Beijing has invited Cambrian College to join the Student Partners Program (SPP) in China. The program will run until August 31, 2011.

Students applying to Cambrian College have to meet the conditions set out by the program. The guidelines and visa application process are given below. Students applying under SPP will receive their visa faster.

The program has been developed in cooperation with ACCC and its member colleges and institutes based on the highly successful SPP implemented in India. While there are considerable differences between the student markets in China and India, we are confident that the China SPP will provide an excellent opportunity for mutual learning and collaboration between the visa office in Beijing and ACCC members.

In recognition of China's unique student market, our SPP will have two options:

Option 1: No IELTS results required

- Students will provide supporting documentation as required by all students applying for study permits in China, including 12 months' banking history.
- Students will provide proof of payment of first semester fees or a minimum deposit of \$5,000 with their application.
- Expedited processing in two weeks if medicals are completed prior to the submission of the application.
- Mandatory use of visa application centres.
- Through reporting back, colleges and institutes would eventually be able to identify problematic agents resulting in improved acceptance rates.

Options 2: IELTS results required

- Students will provide supporting documentation as required by all students applying for study permits in China, with the exception of banking history.
- Students must have a minimum IELTS overall band score of 5.5.
- Students will provide proof of payment of first semester fees or a minimum deposit of \$5000 with their application.
- Expedited processing in two weeks if medicals are completed prior to the submission of the application.
- Mandatory use of visa application centres.
- Possibility of improved acceptance rates from the outset of the program.
- Through reporting back, colleges and institutes would eventually be able to identify problematic agents resulting in improved acceptance rates.

A. What partner colleges and institutes are required to do:

1. Provide a single point of contact, via e-mail to facilitate day to day communication with the visa office.
2. Report back to the Beijing Visa Section twice per year following the January and September session fee deadlines.

Upon receiving our report listing students who received study permits, partner colleges and institutes will advise whether the students are:

- a) in attendance;
- b) transferred to another ACCC college to which the partner college transferred tuition fees;

(Colleges and institutes that receive SPP transfer students will provide the visa office with confirmation of attendance on request.)

- c) have been granted deferred admission to a later session.

3. **For option 2:** IELTS with an overall band not less than 5.5 for a test to be taken 24 months prior to the commencement of the college or institute program.

4. Any application received after August 20 for September start (fall) programs and December 20 for January start (winter) programs will likely not be processed in time for the start of classes and may be refused.

The following link contains a guide and an application kit designed especially for students who wish to apply under this program.

English: http://www.canadainternational.gc.ca/china-chine/visas/beijing-pekkin/SPP_PPE_studying_etudier.aspx?lang=eng

French: http://www.canadainternational.gc.ca/china-chine/visas/beijing-pekkin/SPP_PPE_studying_etudier.aspx?lang=fra

Chinese: http://www.canadainternational.gc.ca/china-chine/visas/beijing-pekkin/SPP_PPE_studying_etudier.aspx?lang=zh-cn

It is particularly important that all SPP students complete the *SPP Release of Information Form* (available in the guide) to allow us to flag these applications at an early stage and monitor them along the way.

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