

HOW DO I APPLY TO COLLEGE AS SOMEONE WITH FOREIGN EXPERIENCE(S) AND/OR WHO WAS BORN OUTSIDE OF THE US?

Do you have sufficient English to be employed/go to school?

no

Check out the [English Journey map](#) to see where in Portland you can learn English

yes

Do you have a degree from another country outside of the US?

yes

- Start by going to the [Career Pathway Journey map](#).
- Register for [Portland Professional Connections](#).

no

Use the contact information on the reverse side of this handout of the schools you are applying to. Explain who you are, the program you are interested in, and ask for any requirements for your specific desired program. Other questions to ask:

1. How/do I need to prove my English proficiency?
2. Do I need to have my transcripts evaluated and translated? (if applicable)
3. Do I need to take other standardized tests?
4. Is there someone specific I can contact throughout this process?

I still want go to college for an American degree/credit.

1. If possible, contact your previous school(s) (high school equivalent, undergraduate, and/or graduate programs) to obtain transcripts.
2. Go to [NMRC](#) or [Goodwill Workforce Solutions](#) who will pay and identify credential and translation services that are the best fit for you based on your professional background.
3. If you have a copy of your transcripts, inquire at NMRC or Goodwill about translation services.

DEFINITIONS**

- **FAFSA:** A form completed by current and prospective college students in the US to determine their eligibility for federal student financial aid.
- **TOEFL:** A standardized test that measures the English language ability of non-native speakers wishing to enroll in English-speaking universities.

1. Complete the FAFSA** as early as possible if you are eligible. (Check eligibility at <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility/requirements>)
2. Ask about scholarships available through the schools you are applying to.
3. Check with your employer to see if they have tuition reimbursement.
4. Research opportunities at the [US Dept. of Education](#).

Time to get started!

no

yes

Do you need to take an English proficiency test?

Reach out to the contacts provided on the other side of this sheet to ask if it is necessary to take the TOEFL** or another equivalent.

yes

Do you need financial aid?

- Visit the [English Journey map](#) and reach out to the providers to learn about TOEFL prep opportunities.
- TOEFL [Resources at Portland Public Library](#).

Prepare to apply

1. Begin the application and/or the school's individual application for grad and other programs
2. Study for and take an English proficiency test if applicable
3. Identify at least two individuals who can write you a letter of recommendation

****Wait! Do you have a foreign degree(s), foreign credentials, or foreign experience? Visit the Career Pathway journey map first: www.portlandofportunity.com/how-do-i-find-a-career-pathway**

Saint Joseph's College
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 207-893-7672
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UNE (Portland Campus)
 716 Stevens Ave.
 Portland, ME 04103
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Contact
 admissions@une.edu
 800-477-4863

USM
 46 Falmouth St.
 Portland, ME 04103
www.usm.maine.edu

Contact
 207-780-5670
 Form can be filled out at
usm.maine.edu/office-of-admissions/contact-us

MECA
 522 Congress St.
 Portland, ME 04101
www.meca.edu

Contact
 Emily Brighi
 207-318-4071
 ebrighi@meca.edu

The Roux Institute
 100 Fore St.
 Portland, ME 04101
roux.northeastern.edu

graduate classes only
Contact
[Book an appointment](http://Bookanappointment.shorturl.at/IBEV7)
shorturl.at/IBEV7

SMCC
 2 Fort Rd.
 South Portland, ME 04106
 207-283-0171
www.smccme.edu

Contact
 207-741-5800 (x1)
 admissions@smccME.edu

UNE (Biddeford Campus)
 11 Hills Beach Rd.
 Biddeford, ME 04005
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 admissions@une.edu
 800-477-4863

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* Every individual's situation is unique and encompasses its own challenges. It is recommended that prospective students reach out to each school (contact info above) they are applying to to describe their experiences and situation.

* Access a digital version of this resource with clickable links at www.portlandofportunity.com/how-do-i-apply-to-college