



**CHARLES R. DREW UNIVERSITY
OF MEDICINE AND SCIENCE**
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Visa and Enrollment Procedures for Foreign Nationals

In order to study in the USA as a foreign national, international students need to acquire an appropriate student visa.

At Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science (CDU), the appropriate student visa is an F1 visa, unless international students are the recipients of a Fulbright scholarship, in which case a J1 visa would be the appropriate visa. Fulbright Scholars need to work with the Fulbright Scholar Program for securing the required student visa and/or addressing questions regarding visa needs.

Once accepted into a degree program at CDU, international students will need to acquire an F1 visa before they can follow through with enrollment. To acquire the F1 student visa, international students will need a letter of acceptance and an I-20 Form to present to a U.S. Embassy or Consulate. Both the letter of acceptance and I-20 are provided by the Office of Admissions upon acceptance to a degree program (if all required documents for an I-20 are submitted at the time of application for admission). The I-20 is a US Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS") form that states that the international student:

- 1) Has been accepted to Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science;
- 2) Has met all requirements for acceptance to Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science;
- 3) Has sufficient command of the English language to benefit from the degree program (all CDU programs are taught in English); and
- 4) Is in possession of sufficient funds to cover all expenses while studying in the USA or that, sufficient funds will be made available by a sponsor (family member or other individual or entity) to cover all expenses while in the USA.

Prior to issuance of an I-20, international students must submit to the Office of Admissions at CDU:

- 1) A completed International Student Information Form for the program into which you have been accepted,
- 2) Documentary evidence of financial ability to meet expenses while studying in the USA, and
- 3) An Academic Evaluation showing the equivalent of a U.S. high school diploma (for undergraduate candidates) or U.S. bachelor's degree (for graduate candidates). Foreign credential evaluations are handled by a 3rd party agency. Please visit the CDU website at www.cdrewu.edu for a listing of acceptable foreign credential evaluation service agencies.

Homeland Security requires international students to provide documentation to evidence their financial ability to meet all expenses. Such documentation can be in the form of bank statements showing sufficient funds available to the student (or their sponsor) or letters from financial institutions stating that sufficient funds are available to the student (or their sponsor). If the sponsor is a U.S. citizen or U.S. legal resident, he/she must complete and provide USCIS Form I-134 - an affidavit testifying that he/she will be responsible for covering expenses. An I-134 form is required from each U.S. sponsor and must be signed under oath.

Upon acceptance to a degree program and receipt of an acceptance letter, I-20 Form, I-134 Form (if applicable), and financial statements to show evidence of financial ability to meet expenses in the USA, international students will need to contact their local U.S. Embassy or Consulate to make an appointment to apply for an F1 student visa. International students apply for a student visa at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate that services their geographical area, and F1 student visas are issued by the U.S. Department of State.

If approved and upon receipt of the F1 visa, international students may then enter the U.S. to pursue a program of study in the USA. Generally speaking, U.S. Customs may allow an international student to enter the U.S. at least 30 days prior to the start of an educational program for the purpose of establishing housing and new student orientation programs. If that is the case, it is important for international students to communicate that information to U.S. Customs officials at their port of entry so that U.S. Customs officials will not note a departure date on their I-94 that is earlier than the end of the program.

For additional information, international students are encouraged to contact the Office of Admissions at admissionsinfo@cdrewu.edu or 1- (323) 563-4838.



Section 1: Personal Information (Please print all information.)

Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Gender: Male Female Marital Status: Married Single Divorced Widowed Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____
Month Day Year

Country of Birth _____ Country of Citizenship _____ Native Language _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Permanent Foreign Address (CDU will mail acceptance packet and/or I-20 to this address. Please provide complete and accurate information.)

Street Address _____

City/State/Province _____ Country _____ Postal Code _____

Section 2: Visa Information

Do you presently have a U.S. Visa? Yes No If yes, what type of visa? _____

Are you a transfer student in the U.S. with an I-20? Yes No If yes, what U.S. school issued your I-20? _____

Are you a U.S. permanent resident? Yes No If yes, please attach a copy of your Alien Registration Card and/or U.S. passport ID page.

Section 3: Statement of Financial Eligibility

Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science (CDU) requires verification of adequate finances from international applicants. In accordance with Homeland Security policy, an international student must be prepared to pay tuition and fees as well as charges for living expenses at the beginning of each semester. If upon arrival to CDU, an international student does not have the required funds indicated below, CDU will be required to notify the U.S. Immigration Service that the student has failed to meet the requirements for a student visa. Summary of Estimated Expenses are for one academic year based on three (3) semesters: Fall, Spring and Summer.

	Undergraduate	Graduate (Urban Public Health)	Graduate (Nursing)
Tuition & Fees (for full-time study)	\$ 13,600	\$ 20,350	\$ 40,455
Non-Refundable Application Fee	\$ 35	\$ 75	\$ 100
Books and Supplies	\$ 2,498	\$ 2,498	\$ 2,498
Housing/Living Expenses*	\$ 14,616	\$ 14,616	\$ 14,616
Travel Expenses	\$ 1,752	\$ 1,752	\$ 1,752
Personal Expenses	\$ 3,792	\$ 3,792	\$ 3,792
Estimated Cost for One (1) Academic Year	\$ 36,293	\$ 43,083	\$ 63,213
Estimated Total Cost	\$ 72,586 (A.S. Degree) \$145,172 (B.S. Degree)	\$ 71,805	\$105,355 (Entry Level) \$126,138 (Family Nurse Practitioner)

* Health Insurance coverage is required to maintain visa status and must be acquired through a health insurance provider or agent. Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science is a non-residential campus and therefore does not provide a housing facility. The Housing, Travel and Personal expenses provided here are estimates; housing expenses are based on apartment rental rates of approximately \$1,200 per month, but costs are dependent upon the lifestyle preferences of each individual student.

This is to certify that I, _____, have the necessary funds available to me for each academic year that I will be in attendance at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science. These funds come from the following sources:

- \$ _____ from personal savings*
 - \$ _____ from parent(s) or guarantor or sponsor (signature required in Section 5: Certification)
 - \$ _____ from CDU scholarship/waiver (scholarship award letter must be attached)
 - \$ _____ from home government scholarship (scholarship award letter must be attached)
 - \$ _____ from other sources (describe: _____)
- TOTAL \$ _____ (must be equal to or greater than the Estimated Total Cost)

Verification of financial ability must be documented in the form of bank statements showing sufficient funds available to the student (or their sponsor) or by letters from financial institutions stating that sufficient funds are available to the student (or their sponsor). Bank statements and/or letters must be dated and current at the time of enrollment at CDU (not more than 6 months old). Please attach the bank statement to this form. Photocopies or faxed copies will not be accepted.

Section 4: Checklist

- 1. Completed Student Information Sheet (all sections)
- 2. Attached a Bank Statement and/or Bank Verification Letter
- 3. Attached a copy of Alien Registration Card and/or U.S. passport ID page (*for permanent residents only*)
- 4. Requested Foreign Credential Evaluation of academic transcripts to be sent to Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science

Mail to:

Office of Admissions
Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science
1731 E. 120th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90059

Section 5: Certification

I hereby certify that the information I have provided is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and that I will have available for my academic and personal expenses the full amount reported above.

Signature of Student

Date

Parent or Guarantor's Signature

I have read Section 3: Financial Eligibility and find it to be true and correct. I certify that the funds will be forwarded as promised. I guarantee that I accept full responsibility for the payment of educational and living expenses of this student during his/her studies at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science as stated in Section 3: Financial Eligibility.

Signature of Parent or Guarantor

Date

Printed Name of Parent or Guarantor _____

Relationship to Student _____

Complete Address _____

Name and Address of Bank _____

Important Note

Should an international student attending Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science under an F1 visa withdraw from the program and be entitled to a refund of tuition and fees (full or partial) as published in the applicable University catalog and in accordance with the University's refund policy, any applicable refund will only be made upon receipt of appropriate documents to evidence that the student has transferred to another educational institution or returned to his/her home country.