

Thank you for your interest in our college. Lake Region State College is a "*Community College*," one of 1300 such colleges in the USA. Each year nearly 50% of American students who begin a college program choose to enroll in a community college. They choose community colleges for the same reason international students make the choice -- smaller class sizes, easier access to faculty, more support with the adjustment to college, and lower costs.

All community colleges offer two types of credit-granting programs:

- The **Associate in Arts/Science Degree** program – designed to fulfill the requirements for the first two years of a four-year baccalaureate degree, and
- The **Associate in Applied Science Degree** – choose from 16 programs of this type, each designed to prepare students for entry into the job market at the conclusion of two (or fewer) years of study.

Students in the **Associate in Arts/Science Degree** program must complete a set of core general education requirements (39 credits) plus 21 elective credits. Upon completion of this two-year degree, students transfer to universities as 3rd year (Junior) students prepared to complete their Bachelor in Arts or Sciences degrees in two additional years. This process of completing a 4-year Bachelor degree in two parts is very common in the United States. We call it the 2+2 plan.

Students in the **Associate in Applied Science Degree** track may choose to study any of 16 technical fields, such as Auto Technician, Simulator Technology, Wind Energy Technician, Marketing, Accounting and Business, Nursing, Information Technology, Paralegal, Sign Language and Interpreting, Speech Language Pathology Assisting, Office Management/Secretarial, etc. Some programs can be completed in as little as one year, but most require two-years (4 semesters).

Students must be 18 years old when school starts and provide proof of completion of high school. A test of English Language skill is required. A TOEFL-ibt score of 53 or an IELTS score of 5.5 is required. ACT/SAT scores are encouraged but not required. To learn more about our programs and admission requirements, please visit our website www.lrsc.edu

Because Lake Region State College is located in a rural state (North Dakota) which receives few international visitors, we believe it is good for local students to have the opportunity to meet and study with students from other countries. To encourage enrollment by international students, we offer the International Student Scholarship** (see attached brochure). Students who qualify receive a scholarship equal to 50% of tuition.

I hope this information is helpful. Please let us know if you wish to move forward with your enrollment process.

Sincerely,

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**Students who accept the International Student Scholarship are expected to complete the two-year (four semester) program of study before transferring to university. A student who transfers early must return the scholarship funds received.