



Central University of
Technology, Free State

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The Community College Initiative (CCI) is a U. S. Department of State exchange program for technical and vocational students from South Africa. The CCI program provides participants with a non-degree, academic-year program at a U.S. community college designed to build participants' technical skills in applied fields, enhance their leadership capabilities, and strengthen their English language proficiency. Participants do not need to be current Technical, Vocational Education and Training (TVET) college or University of Technology students to apply, though they are welcome. The program runs on the U.S. academic calendar (August to May).

Please go online for more information: <https://za.usembassy.gov/education-culture/educational-exchanges/university-students/>

General requirements:

Fields of Study Summary

The CCI Program offers study in the following fields:

- Applied Engineering
- Business Management and Administration
- Early Childhood Education
- Information Technology (IT)

See attached application form

CCI Eligibility Requirements

- Is a citizen, national or permanent resident qualified to hold a valid passport issued by a country participating in the CCI Program.
- Is currently residing in the eligible country.
- Is 18 years or older by the program start date.
- Has successfully earned a secondary school diploma.
- Has *not* completed the equivalent of three years toward a U.S. bachelor's degree or higher in the field of study the applicant is nominated to pursue. Nominees without substantive post-secondary education will be given placement priority.
- Has demonstrated commitment to the selected field of study through some academic or professional experience. The program aims to identify participants with proven skills or interest and limited professional experience in the fields of study offered.
- Has basic working knowledge of English language as demonstrated by a minimum TOEFL score of 400.
- Has limited or no overseas study experience. Nominees with no prior overseas study or travel to the United States will be given placement priority.
- Meets any customized requirements of the home country Embassy/Consulate or Commission.

- Submits a complete original application.
- Is able to receive a U.S. J-1 visa and meet the program conditions to maintain that status.
- Is willing and physically able (with accommodations as required) to complete the program in its entirety, including activities or travel that may be programmed on any day of the week, possibly including early morning or evening hours.
- Is committed to returning to his/her home country after completion of the program and satisfying the Jvisa two-year residency requirement.
- Is able to begin the academic exchange program in the United States in July 2017.