Important steps for any International student who wishes to enroll at Pacifica:

1. Apply to Pacifica ideally prior to April 1st to allow sufficient process time to obtain any additional documentation required to study in the US. For Spring enrollment, applications should be started by December 1st to allow sufficient process time. Please note that F1 Visa applications, or Change of Status applications, may take up to three months to process.

2. Note: F1 Visa prohibits any employment authorization while enrolled at Pacifica Graduate Institute. This visa is essentially a “commuter” visa allowing for easy travel across borders at least once per month.

3. If a student wishes to reside in the US please note that we only process F1 Visas – no H1-B, F2, or any other visa holders are permitted to attend classes at Pacifica.

4. International students must have their transcripts evaluated to determine U.S. equivalency. We will accept evaluations from current members of NACES (National Association of Credential Evaluation Services) and AICE (Association of International Credential Evaluators, Inc.). All undergraduate and graduate transcripts must be submitted prior to acceptance.

5. All TOEFL scores must be submitted to Pacifica in advance of acceptance:
   a. 213 computer-based test; 550 written test; or 79 internet-based test

6. Once accepted international students must supply documentation of financial support showing the ability to finance their education, and if relocating, ability to finance their living expenses while studying in the US. See attached form.

7. Financial Aid is not available for International students.

8. Scholarship amounts are in the range of $1000 to $1500 per year – these are merit-based and need-based.

9. International and domestic student tuition and residential costs are the same.

10. Most Pacifica international students come from Mexico and Canada, and we only have approximately 30 international students out of our student group of 1000.

11. For Counseling & Clinical Programs: Curricular practicum training (CPT) is limited but can be arranged as needed (300 hours for Counseling, 1500 for Clinical, 70 per year for Depth summer fieldwork). Optional practicum training (OPT) – post-coursework – can be arranged on an individual basis.

12. CPT & OPT may only occur at approved sites. An approved site means the student has submitted all the required paperwork to the clinical coordinator and the site has been approved by the clinical coordinator. A letter of employment stating start and end date, plus number of hours of work duties per week, plus description of work duties is required for the student file.

13. For financial statement information, please contact our Registrar, Francine Matas who handles all visa application information at fmatas@pacific.edu.