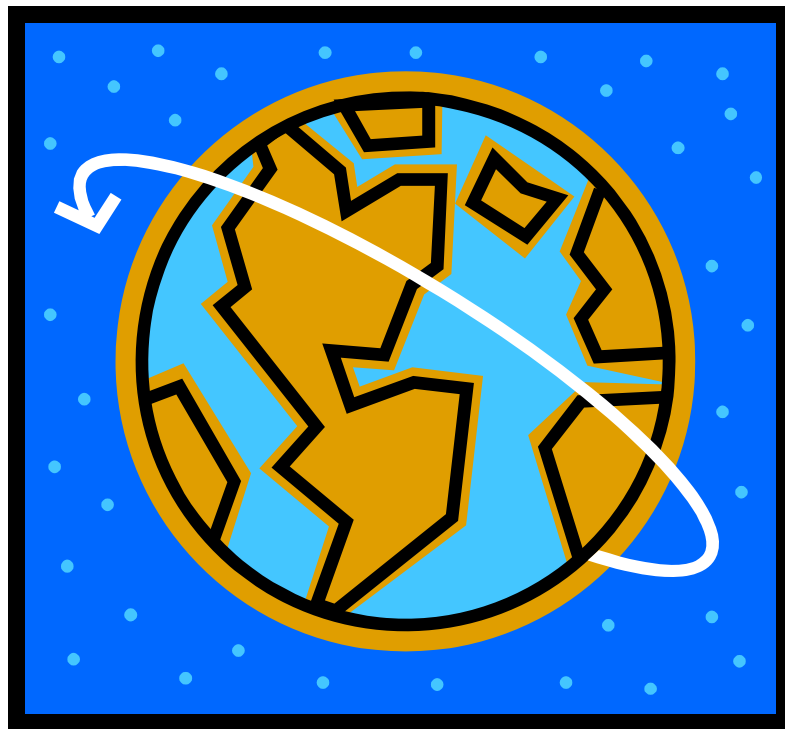


Important Information for International Students



**Sherman College
of Chiropractic**





We hope the information contained in this package will assist you as you are considering your application to our college. As an international student and through your desire to enroll in our Doctor of Chiropractic Program, you are helping us with our mission to bring straight chiropractic to the world!

Enclosed you will find the following documents, which must be submitted with your application for admission.

You can apply online at www.sherman.edu/apply

- **Financial Statement and Certification**
- **Information regarding transcript evaluation with World Education Services (www.wes.org)**
- **International Student Scholarship Application, *if applicable***

If after reviewing the documents, you have any questions at all, kindly contact us and we will do all we can to help you.

Thank You!

Enrollment Services

Credentials Evaluated in the USA

In most cases, you will need to have all of your educational documents evaluated to obtain American value or equivalency. If you believe your transcripts are similar to U.S. format, you may send them to Sherman College before paying to have them evaluated to verify with our International Student Advisor.

If you do need them evaluated, Sherman College recommends using the World Education Services (WES). You must send WES certified copies of your credentials, including scores in school-leaving examinations, and request a **course-by-course evaluation** of your college or university papers. Your university credentials or transcript must contain the following:

1. subjects studied
2. marks (grades) awarded
3. length of class periods
4. number of periods per week for each subject
5. grading scale with minimum passing mark

Translations must be submitted for all documents written in a language other than English; however, copies of all of the credentials in the original language must be submitted also.

Altered Documents: The applicant is responsible for any altered documents submitted. If an altered document is submitted, the applicant will be rejected and not allowed to reapply. Sherman College will notify the Department of Immigration and Naturalization.

Send all of these documents to WES, not to Sherman College, along with their required fee. Please request that an official copy be sent to Sherman College.

Requirements for Entrance

The minimum admission requirement is ninety (90) semester hours of university level credit including specific English, psychology, social science/humanities, and science courses. Please see the Prerequisite Requirements information in your package for specific details about our admission requirements. In the event that your credential evaluation indicates you are lacking required courses, please inform the Admission Office if you desire to complete your admissions requirements in the U.S. International students enjoy completing their admission requirements at Spartanburg Community College in the Pre-Chiropractic Institute (PCI) . There is a sheet in your official package describing, in detail, the required courses.

Test of English as a Foreign Language (T.O.E.F.L.)

Students whose native language is not English are required to take the T.O.E.F.L. A **minimum score of 215 is required**. Ask the American Embassy for more details, or check on their website at *www.toefl.org*. All scores must be directly sent to Sherman College. The TOEFL Code Number for **Sherman College is 5603**. This number should be entered on the test answer sheets and on the Score Report Request Forms. Applicants who need to improve their language proficiency before beginning their pre-chiropractic program in the U.S. should contact the Sherman College Admission Office.

Financial Verification

International students must verify that they have funding to cover all of their tuition and living expenses while a student at Sherman College, including travel and vacations and cost of dependants. Attached you will find a Financial Statement Form, which must be completed before an acceptance will be granted.

Tuition

Sherman College International students are required to pay their tuition on time. Allow plenty of time for your bank to process your loan so that you can pay the tuition on time. Payment plans can be set up with the Business once you start classes for a small fee.

When you arrive in Spartanburg one of the first things you will need to do is choose a bank to deposit your money. The Admission Office will assist you in locating area banks.

International Scholarships

Sherman College has a limited number of international scholarships, up to 50% of tuition **ONLY**. These scholarships are need and merit based. An International Scholarship Application must be filled out, as well as all other information received by the Admission Office before you can be considered for any scholarship money. If you have specific questions, please contact the International Student Advisor.

Student Visa

Sherman College will issue form I-20 that will enable you to apply for a F-1 student visa. The I-20 will not be issued until your application, financial verification and your credential evaluation has been received. A student visa can be obtained at an American Embassy nearest your home. Do not enter the USA without a student visa. The F-1 student visa is good for as long as you are a full-time student, usually about 4 years.

Housing

Sherman College does not have dormitories, so students are responsible for finding their own accommodations. Current Sherman College students are often looking for roommates, and will share apartments, duplexes and houses. The cost per month depends on the quality of the residence. Allow approximately \$600.00 per month for housing when you are planning your budget if living alone. If rent is shared with roommates it could be as low as \$250.00 per month. Utilities such as electricity, phone and water may be extra. Some housing may be available within walking distance of the college.

Food and Groceries

The Admission Office suggests allowing \$50.00 per week to plan your budget. Students attending Sherman College might bring their lunch to the college, eat in the Sherman Café, go home for lunch or eat in a nearby restaurant. The cost of eating at the Sherman Café varies from \$4.00 to \$6.00 per meal, and is open only for breakfast and lunch. There are refrigerators and microwaves for student use in the café.

There are many grocery stores in Spartanburg; several of them are very close to Sherman College. These stores will carry all of the food, drink, cleaning supplies and paper goods that you will need. There are also some Natural Health Food Stores in the area, where you may be able to purchase specialty foods.

Clothing

The dress at Sherman is typical of most international colleges. There is a code of grooming and dress. The weather can be warm in the summer (June to September) and cold in the winter (December to February). Most students wear shorts and short-sleeved shirts during the Summer months, which may get up to 90 or 95 degrees Fahrenheit, and long pants, sweaters and winter jackets in the Winter months, which may get as cold as 20 or 30 degrees Fahrenheit. The upstate of South Carolina, where Sherman College is located, can sometimes get snow and ice storms in the Winter.

Professional dress is required when you begin seeing patients at the Health Center.

Laundry

There are many places to wash your laundry, called Laundromats, available within Spartanburg if the place you live does not have facilities. Most apartment buildings have a central laundry room available for residences. A Laundromat has several washing machines and dryers for your laundry needs. The cost to wash your clothes in a washing machine is approximately \$1.00 and about \$1.00 to dry clothes.

Pots, Pans, Furniture, etc.

As an international student, you must wonder how you will manage to have your own apartment. If you are lucky, as most Sherman students are, you will live with someone having all the necessities of home. Graduating students have sales, and you can purchase used items from other students. There are street markets in America, too. We call them “flea markets” where you can obtain some of your home furnishings. There are also some less expensive stores in town to purchase larger items.

Transportation

Transportation in the U.S. might be different than you are accustomed to. There are city buses, but their schedules may not always be convenient for you. Students attending Sherman usually purchase a car while living in Spartanburg. A used car can be purchased for approximately \$2500.00 to \$5000.00 (USD). An international driver’s license and car insurance are necessary. A driver’s license will be issued to international students with proof of visa at the Department of Public Safety– Motor Vehicle Division. Please see the Admission Office once you enter the U.S for information and directions. Bicycles, mopeds and motorcycles can be purchased for transportation purposes.

Airport

The Greenville-Spartanburg Airport is 15 miles from Sherman College. Transportation to hotels is available by taxi. The Admission Office will arrange for someone to transport you from the airport if you inform the Admission Office of your exact arrival.

The Charlotte Douglas Airport in Charlotte, North Carolina is about an hour north of Spartanburg, and will have more International flights. You would probably need to rent a car to drive from Charlotte, but flights may be easier to arrange from this airport.

Medical Insurance

Sherman College does not offer medical insurance for students, but the Office of Student Services maintains a list of different companies in the area that offer discounted rates for students. We recommend that all international students obtain medical insurance to provide for payment in the case of emergencies.

International Student Advisor

Lisa Hildebrand, Vice President for Enrollment Services, currently serves as the International Student Advisor. Please contact her to receive any information or for any questions at **international@sherman.edu**. She can also put you in touch with other international students currently attending Sherman College.

International Club

Sherman College has an international club made up of all of our current international students, as well as any domestic students interested in learning about different cultures. The club usually meets twice a month, and is geared towards helping international students become acclimated to life in the U.S., as well as pursuing opportunities for meeting people in the community. The club is advised by the International Student Advisor.

Contact Information

Lisa Hildebrand, Vice President for Enrollment Services, International Student Advisor
Sherman College of Chiropractic
PO Box 1452
2020 Springfield Road
Spartanburg, SC 29304

864-578-8770, ext. 222
864-599-4859 fax

www.sherman.edu

international@sherman.edu

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above information is true and correct. I understand that specific documents are required to determine eligibility to receive aid and that it is my responsibility to ensure all required documents are on file in the Financial Aid Office and the admission Office.

I hereby affirm under penalty of perjury that any funds received under the International Tuition Scholarship will be used sole for the expenses related to attendance at Sherman College of Chiropractic. I further understand, if **I DO NOT RETURN** to my home country and practice for at least five (5) years, this scholarship becomes a loan, and that I am responsible for repayment in accordance with the following guidelines:

- six (6) month grace period after graduation or withdrawal
- Interest rate to be determined solely by the discretion of Sherman College at the time of repayment
- Five (5) year repayment term

Signature of Applicant

Date

**Return application to: Admission Office
International Student Advisor
Sherman College of Chiropractic
Post Office Box 1452
Spartanburg, SC 29304**

I, _____, CERTIFY THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY
 (print name here)
 THAT I HAVE FOR MY FIRST ACADEMIC YEAR OF STUDY AT SHERMAN
 COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC IS \$ _____,
 AND THAT THE TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR
 OF STUDY IS \$ _____. FURTHER, I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE
 INFORMATION PROVIDED IS CORRECT AND COMPLETE AND THAT I SHALL
 NOT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FROM
 SHERMAN COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

**FINANCIAL CERTIFICATE
 SHERMAN COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC
 PO BOX 1452 – 2020 SPRINGFIELD ROAD
 SPARTANBURG, SC 29304**

NOTE: A FORM I-20 CANNOT BE ISSUED TO YOU UNTIL YOU HAVE BEEN
 APPROVED BY SHERMAN COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC AND HAVE COM-
 PLETED THIS FORM AND RETURNED IT TO THIS OFFICE.

You are required to certify that you have funds available for your expenses during your first academic year at Sherman College of Chiropractic. You should also indicate on this form how you plan to meet your expenses for subsequent years of study at Sherman College of Chiropractic. Students holding Student (F) or Exchange Visitor (J) visas will not be authorized to work except under extraordinary circumstances; therefore, the applicant should not look to employment as a significant means of support while at Sherman College of Chiropractic.

Because you are likely to need this documentation to prove to the U.S. Consular Officials that you have sufficient funds, we suggest that you make copies of all such documents for this purpose.

As part of the process of being admitted to this college and before being approved to leave your home country, you must show evidence that you have sufficient financial support for each academic year in which you will be studying here in the United States. Unfortunately, this college has limited funds for assisting students from other nations and no funds are available from the Financial Aid Office at Sherman College of Chiropractic.

A current estimate of expenses for one calendar year (four academic quarters) at Sherman College of Chiropractic follows:

Tuition and fees:	<u>\$25,780.00</u>	(effective: 4/11)
Room & Board and personal expenses	<u>\$16,224.00</u>	
(Cost per dependant:	<u>\$ (5,000.00)</u>	
 TOTAL	 <u>\$42,004.00</u>	

CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

SOURCES OF SUPPORT

AMOUNTS (In US Dollars)

ASSURED SUPPORT

	First Year	Remaining 3 years
1 Personal and/or family savings Name of Bank: _____	\$	\$
2 Parents and/or sponsors Print each name of person: _____ _____	\$	\$
3 Your Government Print name of agency: _____	\$	\$
Note: Enclose with this form a signed copy of your award letter		
4 Academic Scholarship Award from: _____	\$	\$
5 Other Please Specify: _____	\$	\$

Note: Enclose a signed affidavit
from authorized person to certify
accuracy.

TOTALS	\$	\$
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OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION OF SOURCES OF FUNDS AND AMOUNTS

I certify that I have read the information given by the applicant on this form and certify that it is true and accurate, and the funds are available.

Banks Official's Name(Printed) _____ Title _____
 Banks Official's Signature and Seal _____
 Name of Bank _____
 Address of Bank _____
 Date _____

I certify that I have read this information furnished by the applicant on this form, and verify that it is true and accurate, and that funds are available and will be provided as specified.

Sponsor's Name (Printed) _____
 Sponsor's Signature _____
 Relationship of Sponsor to Applicant _____
 Address of Sponsor _____
 Date _____

INTERNATIONAL TUITION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Financial Aid Office at Sherman College of Chiropractic requires the following documents on file before any aid under this program can be processed:

1. International Scholarship Application
2. Completed financial support statement. Incomplete statements will not be considered.
3. Applicant **MUST NOT** be eligible for any **U.S. FEDERAL ASSISTANCE**
4. Applicant applying for scholarship **MUST** solely reside in and practice in his/her native country for at least five (5) years upon graduation. Proof of residency and documentation of engagement in practice will be required. Any form of practice in the U.S. requires full repayment of tuition.
5. Applicant **MUST** be fully approved by the Admission Office before any aid can be processed. **FILE EARLY** to insure that you will be considered for financial assistance.

1. Name _____ Birthdate _____ Gender _____

2. Marital status _____ Number of children _____

3. Local mailing address _____

_____ Telephone No. _____

4. E-mail address _____

5. Foreign address _____

6. Country of citizenship _____

7. Country of birth _____

8. Period for which you have resided in the U.S. _____

Reason Therefore _____

If you have attended college in the U.S., what percentage of your tuition was covered by a scholarship?

What type of scholarship did you receive? _____

Do you carry any outstanding educational debt? YES NO

If yes, name(s) of debtor _____

Total amount borrowed _____

9. Current Visa status _____

10. Date you plan to enter Sherman College _____

Please complete this form if you will be asking for F-2 Visas for Dependant (spouse and/or child) with Sherman College of Chiropractic.

Dependant #1

Name(*as it should appear on I-20*): _____

Birthdate: Day _____ Month _____ Year: _____

Birth Country of Dependant: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____

Dependant #2

Name(*as it should appear on I-20*): _____

Birthdate: Day _____ Month _____ Year: _____

Birth Country of Dependant: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____

Dependant #3

Name(*as it should appear on I-20*): _____

Birthdate: Day _____ Month _____ Year: _____

Birth Country of Dependant: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____

Dependant #4

Name(*as it should appear on I-20*): _____

Birthdate: Day _____ Month _____ Year: _____

Birth Country of Dependant: _____

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