



The Program

Project ACE is an accelerated and intensive English program created for:

- People with strong academic backgrounds that want to learn English for Academic Purposes.
- Foreign professionals or foreign technicians who would like to improve their English:
 - to pursue higher education in the US,
 - to continue a career in the US, or
 - to obtain professional licenses in the US
- People who are willing to invest time and effort in an academically rigorous program.

The Application Process

Follow the instructions below in the order as described.

General Public

- 1- Enroll at MDC (Miami Dade College) by going to the Admissions Office.
- 2- Take the Compass ESL test in Testing Services.
- 3- Complete the Project ACE Application form (electronic format); **send it via e-mail to:** projectace@mdc.edu
- 4- Submit a sealed reference letter via mail to:
MDC-IAC/Project ACE
627 SW 27 Avenue Room IAP-24
Miami, FL 33135

Current MDC Students

- 1- GPA = 3.50 or above is preferred. However, scores below 3.50 will be considered based on the quality of your interview.
- 2- Complete the Project ACE Application form (electronic format); **send it via e-mail to:** projectace@mdc.edu
- 3- Submit a sealed reference letter via mail or intercampus mail to:
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For first consideration, applications should be received between **October 18th to December 2nd, 2009 for the SPRING TERM 2010.**

Qualified applications will be accepted after the deadline until the program is full. Once the program has reached full capacity, new applicants will be placed on a waiting list.

The Selection Process

Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications may be invited to an interview and/or to provide evidence of academic achievement. Once the application is complete, the ACE Selection committee will decide if Project ACE would be the best means for you to accomplish your language goals.

Project ACE Application

Instructions:

- 1- Read the entire application **CAREFULLY**.
- 2- Once you read the complete application, start answering each question.
- 3- Complete all items in this application.
- 4- Submit your application to projectace@mdc.edu

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Ernesto De la Hoz, Program Coordinator at 305-237-6421.

Personal Information

Last GPA _____ or Compass Test _____

MDC ID # _____

(If you do not have an MDC ID# you must register at MDC and complete the Compass ESL Test before continuing with this application form)

Major _____

How did you find out about Project ACE? _____

Name: _____

last

first

middle

Current Address: _____

street

city

state

zip

country

Permanent Address: _____

(if different from above)

E-mail Address at myMDC: _____

E-mail Address (other): _____

Cell Phone: (_____) _____ Home Phone (_____) _____ Other Phone (_____) _____

primary

secondary

Date of Birth: _____ Country of Birth: _____ Country of Citizenship: _____

Immigration Status: U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident Alien Refugee/Asylum Status Visa: Type _____

Gender: Male Female If you are an EAP student, please indicate your current or last Level _____

Native Language: Creole Portuguese Spanish Other (please indicate) _____

Once you successfully complete Project ACE, what are your plans?: Study Work Both

For ACE use only:

Participant Background

English Language Learning Skills

As a student of English as a second language, which areas of your English learning do you think need improvement? (Please check all that apply).

- Reading Comprehension Speaking Writing Listening
 Grammar Pronunciation Vocabulary

How long have you been learning English? _____

How do you rate your proficiency in English? Superior Advance Intermediate Novice

English Language Learning Motivators

What are your greatest motivations for learning English? (Check your **top two**)

- I'm interested in American culture. I want to meet more people.
 I have friends who speak English. I need it to get a better job.
 I need it for my current career. I need it for my future career (I am not working now).
 I need it to help my children succeed. I need it for my present or future classes in MDC.
 I need it to better integrate into society.

Do you enjoy language learning? Yes No

What do you like to write in English? (Check your **top two**)

- Compositions E-mails Short answers Text messages Journals Vocabulary notes

What do you like to talk about in English? (Check your **top two**)

- News Family Politics School Religion Your children Job General conversations

What do you like to read in English? (Check your **top two**)

- Internet Novels Magazines Short stories Newspapers Academic books

What do you like to listen to in English? (Check your **top two**)

- Music Movies TV shows Soap operas Conversations News Lectures

What other languages have you studied? _____

What has been your favorite experience in language learning?

Letter of Reference-Project ACE

Instructions to student: Fill in your name and give this form to a **professor or supervisor** who can attest to your ability to participate in a rigorous academic program. Your professor or supervisor will mail it to us in a sealed envelope; you can provide him/her with a stamped envelope as a courtesy and to facilitate the mailing process.

Student's Name: _____

Instructions to professor or supervisor. Please give your overall assessment of this student's abilities and potential for participation in a rigorous and challenging academic curriculum. Your candid assessment of this student will play a significant role in selection.

How long have you known the applicant and in what context? _____

How has this student contributed to a positive classroom learning or workplace environment?

What are this student's strengths and weaknesses?

How would you rate the student's ability to perform in a rigorous academic environment?

Outstanding Excellent Good Fair Poor

We welcome your additional comments about this student. Use the back of this form, if necessary.

Signature: _____

Name of Reference/Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail Address _____

Place form in a sealed confidential envelope, sign the back of the envelope, and mail to:

**Miami Dade College – InterAmerican Campus
Project ACE, Department of ESL/Foreign Languages (Room IAP-24)
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Phone: 305-237-6421 Fax: 305.237.6005 E-mail: projectace@mdc.edu**