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.

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<td>1- Enroll at MDC (Miami Dade College) by going to the Admissions Office.</td>
<td>1- GPA = 3.50 or above is preferred. However, scores below 3.50 will be considered based on the quality of your interview.</td>
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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.
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

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?  _____
Program information

Location
Project ACE classes will ONLY be offered at the InterAmerican Campus in the Spring 2010.

Students from any MDC campus are welcome to apply, but be aware you will attend classes at InterAmerican Campus.

MDC-InterAmerican Campus is located at 627 SW 27 Avenue, Miami, Fl. 33135

Schedule
Project ACE students will attend classes during either a morning or an evening block (cohort) during the 16-week semester and will require a substantial time commitment on their part. Please indicate (with a check) the times that you have available to take class and to study.

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Candidate’s interest and literacy

Topic 1: Statement of interest
Please describe your interest in and level of commitment to Project ACE.
In 800 – 1000 words please address the following topics:
   a. Reason for choosing the Accelerated Content-Based English program.
   b. Future professional aspirations, once you complete the program.
   c. Your expectations of the program.
   d. Your understanding of what is expected of you throughout the pursuit of the program.

[Three or more paragraphs are required]
Acknowledgement

Remember:

A- Applicants who meet the minimum qualifications may be invited to an interview.

B- Plagiarism is against MDC policies (Read the Student Code of Conduct). Any intent of plagiarism will end your application process with Project ACE. For more information go to: http://www.mdc.edu/KENDALL/english/docs/What%20is%20Plagiarism%20-%20Package.pdf

C- A letter of reference from a professor or supervisor (see attached form) must be submitted in a sealed envelope via mail or inter-campus mail to: MDC – IAC/Project ACE 627 SW 27 Avenue Room IAP-24 Miami, Fl 33135

D- I, ____________, confirm that I want to be admitted in Project ACE at the InterAmerican Campus, and my information in this form is true and does not contain any form of plagiarism.

Insert your MDC ID # here: ______  Date: ______
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:

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Project ACE, Department of ESL/Foreign Languages (Room IAP-24)
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