

Online Pre-Departure Training

Program Overview

Online Pre-Departure Training is a thorough and practical preparation for international students who are about to live and attend college in the United States. The training consists of an online course of twelve modules, printable resource materials, and a website presented in both English and multiple other languages. Each module is focused on an essential topic, such as preparing for the visa interview, understanding academic life in the United States, and how to secure an internship. Each module concludes with an action checklist and a quiz for the student to measure their awareness on the topic.

The Online Pre-Departure Training is expertly crafted using knowledge gained from more than three decades of experience working with international students from over 60 countries. Former students and their families have described the training as comprehensive, thorough, and essential to their long term academic success. Utilization of pre- and post assessment tools confirmed that these students transitioned successfully to life in the United States and were able to navigate cultural obstacles more easily. Academically they achieved better grades and had improved graduation rates.

Goals

1. Prepare international students for success in American Higher Education
2. Help students and their families adapt easily and quickly to life in the U.S.
3. Establish their foundation for a successful career

Program Benefits

- Improved academic success
- Enhanced student confidence
- Improved communication with Americans and others cultures
- Increased financial knowledge & greater fiscal responsibility
- Increased awareness of housing and transportation options
- Improved student safety
- Reduced legal violations and unfavorable police run-ins
- Smoothened cultural adjustment
- Reduced family separation anxiety

Program Summary

Duration: 40 student hours

Required Education: Completion of secondary education with intentions to attend college in the United States.

Languages: English/Arabic/ Hindi/Chinese/Japanese/ Korean/Turkish/Urdu/

Availability: Worldwide

Format: Online video, written materials

Certificate of Completion: Yes

Who it's For: What They Get: What They'll Learn:

Any international student desiring to study abroad

- Up to 12 online courses
- Travel and immigration to students considering college modules in the United States
- Comprehensive resource
- U.S. laws materials
- Health care
- Detailed instruction
- Academics and keys to success regarding travel, housing, attending college and finding internships in the United States
- Cultural imperatives
- Easing family separation
- Communication skills
- Certificate of completion
- Maintaining your identity while in the U.S.

Course Syllabus / Modules:

1.0. Preparing the Family

By the end of this module, students and their families will have a better understanding of how to work together to maximize success and set realistic expectations. This module will address the needs both students and parents may have for reassurance and emotional preparedness before letting their child leave the comforts of home.

2.0. The Travel Experience

By the end of this module, students will be prepared for travel abroad, the customs and immigration process, and the visa interview.

3.0. Financial Matters

By the end of this module, students will understand the structure of the U.S. financial system and how they can manage their finances while abroad.

4.0. US Law

By the end of this module, students will understand the structure of the U.S. legal system, basic housing, traffic and family laws, and the everyday aspects of living in the U.S.

5.0. Health Care

By the end of this module, students will understand how to use the U.S. healthcare system. It provides guidance on how to access healthcare effectively and appropriately for themselves and their dependents.

6.0. Academic Life

By the end of this module, students will have a general understanding of the classroom environment, good study habits, library and research skills, academic relationships, the grading system, and how time and punctuality are perceived in the U.S.

7.0. Communication Skills

By the end of this module, students will have the basic language skills needed until they arrive in the U.S.

8.0. Soft Skills

By the end of this module, students will have a basic understanding of critical thinking, cross cultural communication, leadership, team work, interpersonal skills, resume building, and problem solving.

9.0. Forms of Identification

By the end of this module, students will be familiar with the various types of identification available, and which ones are required for what purpose, along with optional forms of identification that can expedite certain aspects of life in the U.S.

10.0. Brief History of the United States

By the end of this module, students will have an overview of American history with an emphasis on understanding the regions within the U.S. and the cultural differences.

11.0. Internships

By the end of this module, students will know how to build a resume, search and apply for internships, and critical interview skills.

12.0. Maintaining your Identity

By the end of this module, students will better understand themselves within a global context and get the information and tools they need for living in the United States while maintaining their cultural identity and traditions.