



## THE ATLANTIC INSTITUTE OF ORIENTAL MEDICINE (ATOM)

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Office of International Students

ATOM has been formally approved by US Immigration and Naturalization Service to offer a Bachelor's Degree in Health Science and Master's Degree in Oriental Medicine program to international students around the world. The Institute is now authorized to issue I-20 Forms to our international students. Applications are acceptable now.

### Admission Requirements:

To be considered for full acceptance to a degree program, a graduate applicant must:

- Submit proof of having completed at least two academic years (60 semester credits/90 quarter credits) of education at the baccalaureate level from a 2 or 4 year regionally accredited or internationally recognized college or university, with specific General Educational requirements.
- Submit a completed application form with a \$30,00 nonrefundable application fee. The application form may be downloaded from [www.atom.edu](http://www.atom.edu), printed out and submitted. The application fee for the graduate electronic applications can be submitted under separate cover. A paper application can be obtained by contacting the Office of International Students of ATOM.
- Provide complete official transcripts from each college or university attended. Transcripts in the applicant's possession will not be accepted unless in an official envelope sealed by the institution issuing the transcript.
- Applicants whose university /college degree or diploma is from an institution in which English is not the language of instruction must submit a score of 500 or better on the TOEFL examination (or at least 173 on the computer-based TOEFL) as required. For a TOEFL application write to: The TOEFL Program, BOX 899, Princeton, NJ 08540, USA ([www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org)).
- Submit two letters of recommendation in support of the graduate study from two of the professors who have taught the applicant. Such letters ought to be mailed to ATOM directly by the recommenders.

### How to obtain Form I-20?

Once accepted to ATOM as an international student, you will be sent an immigration document called the "Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) student", more commonly known as the "I-20". Once you have received the I-20 form, you must contact your local United States Embassy or Consulate to apply for the F-1 visa.

1. Apply and be accepted to ATOM as a degree-seeking international student.
2. Submit an original financial statement from a banking institution to the Office of International Students (OIS) at ATOM. The bank statement addressed to ATOM should state that you or your

sponsor have the funds available to cover a full year of tuition + applicable fees + \$10,000 for living expenses associated with attending ATOM (See sample below). The University determines the required amount.

As an international student, you should be familiar with the regulations of your government regarding sending money to the United States and you should make arrangements to have the necessary funds available at the designated times of enrollment. Documentary evidence of a means financial support must be attached to the Certificate of Eligibility (I-20) when applying for the student visa at the United States Embassy or Consulate Office.

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(On Bank Letterhead)

(Addressed to:)  
Atlantic Institute of Oriental Medicine  
100 East Broward Boulevard, Suite 100  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301  
USA

Dear Sir/Madam,

( Mr. / Miss / Mrs. XXX...) has \$ .....(exact amount will be provided in your acceptance letter ) U.S. Dollars available in his account to pay for the cost associated with attendance at ATOM.

Sincerely  
Bank Manager

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The letter must express:

- The name of the person/ account holder that is supporting the expense for attending the Atlantic Institute of Oriental Medicine
- The name of the student.
- The total amount which must be verified is the exact amount for the 2003-2004 school year.

### 3. Medical Requirements

It is assumed that you are in good health and able to maintain a serious program of study. Before coming to the Institute, accepted candidates are strongly recommended to submit a physician's report in English for approval by the ATOM clinic. Proof of adequate health insurance is required. If proof is not available, you will be billed accordingly and issued health insurance by ATOM.

Students must also demonstrate that they have had all vaccinations including : diphtheria and tetanus taken within the last ten years, measles, mumps, and rubella ( two doses). A student may not register for classes without having met these medical requirements through ATOM school clinic.

#### 4. How to maintain your F-1 Status?

- Keep your passport valid at all times.
- Maintain full-time enrollment during each semester.
- Maintain good academic standing and show successful progress towards the completion of your study.
- Have a valid I-20 form.
- Notify INS and OIS of any address change within 10 days.
- Do not accept off- campus jobs without proper authorization.
- Get approval for medical leave from OIS prior to withdrawing from courses.

