



# THE WELCOME PROJECT.®

## ACEI-iTEP

### A Partner Program

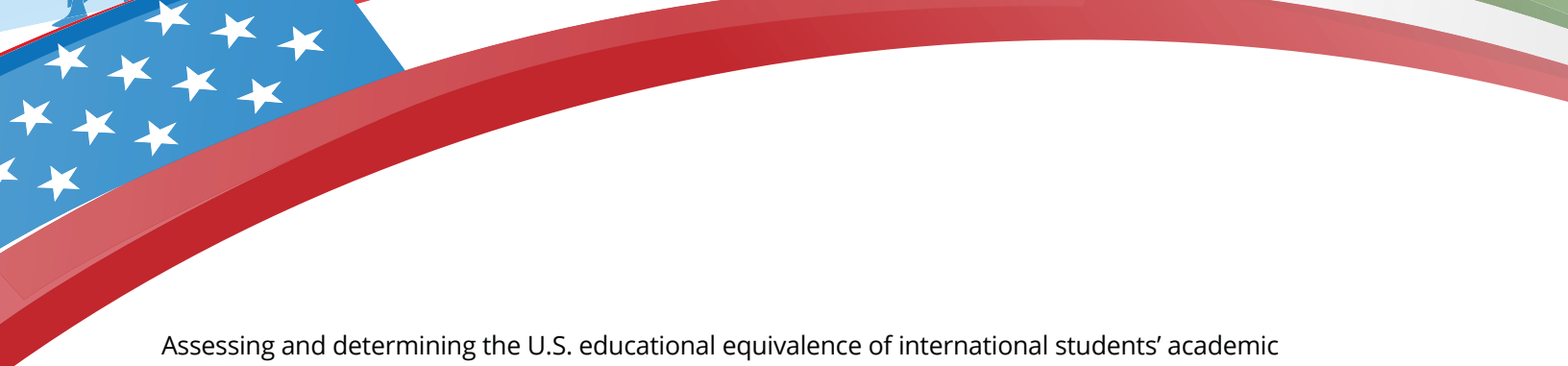
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**The Welcome Project®** is a joint endeavor by the Academic Credentials Evaluation Institute, Inc. (ACEI) and iTEP International, offering individuals classified as refugees assistance with the evaluation of their academic credentials for U.S. educational equivalence and determine their English language proficiency through an approved language assessment test.

### Background

According to the UN Refugee Agency, as of 2017, there are more than 68 million people who have been displaced because of war, violence and persecution. As stipulated in Section VII of the Lisbon recognition convention, we recognize it as our social responsibility to assist displaced persons with their reintegration into the community.

**“Through the recognition of their former education and establishing their English proficiency, these individuals can accelerate their integration and assimilation into society.”**



Assessing and determining the U.S. educational equivalence of international students' academic achievements and their English language proficiency are two important components of integration and participation in schools, the job market, and community as a whole.

## Meet the Experts

The **Academic Credentials Evaluation Institute, Inc. (ACEI)**, founded in 1994 and based in Los Angeles, CA, is dedicated to providing credential evaluations and advocating for the recognition of international education qualifications.

## Call to Action

At ACEI and iTEP International, we see it as our responsibility and moral imperative to do our part to support the integration of refugees, where possible, by offering our expertise in international credential evaluation and English language proficiency testing.

**The Welcome Project** combines both the **international credential evaluation** and **English language proficiency testing** at the onset of their resettlement in the U.S. These individuals will be able to receive recognition of their educational achievements and language competency. Such recognition will enable them to integrate into their new adopted community much faster as they set out to pursue employment opportunities and further their education.

**The fundamental mission of The Welcome Project is aligned with U.S. higher education's institutional internationalization, diversity and inclusion strategies.**

## Partner

Partner with **ACEI** and **iTEP International** in adopting **The Welcome Project** and support displaced persons and refugees in achieving their educational and professional goals. ACEI and iTEP International are offering their services to your institution and eligible individuals at significantly reduced fees.

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## Participate!

### Q. Who qualifies for The Welcome Project?

A. Individuals with refugee status

Once you've determined your student's eligibility, you may proceed with the Credential Evaluation and English Language Proficiency Test.

#### Credential Evaluation in 3 Easy Steps:

1. Complete The Welcome Project Application for Credential Evaluation on behalf of your candidate
2. Prepare Academic Documents\*
3. Include Fees

- **Processing Time:** 7 business days (from receipt of #1-3)
- **Evaluation Delivery Method:** SecurePathway© (ACEI's secure portal for digital delivery of Official Evaluation Reports)

\*For a list of required academic documents by country of study, please visit ACEI's website: [acei@acei-global.org](mailto:acei@acei-global.org)

## Special Rates

Plan type	Evaluation Fee	English Testing Fee	Total Fee	Discounted Fee (Your Fee for Both Services)
Basic	\$95	\$129	\$224	<b>\$105</b>
Comprehensive	\$185	\$129	\$314	<b>\$195</b>