Important Information About Required Next Steps

1. **Online Orientation**: Complete this step as soon as you are admitted, and before your check-in date.
   - Log on to the site at [www2.smc.edu/orient/INT.htm](http://www2.smc.edu/orient/INT.htm)
   - It is important that you log in using your SMC student ID# and your birth date written as MMDDYY. If you enter the orientation as a guest, you will not get credit for completing this requirement.
   - Be sure to watch all videos and take all quizzes in order to receive full credit for this requirement.
   - You will see “Congratulations” and then you will need to click on “Continue” in order to successfully finish this requirement.

2. **My Ed Plan**: Refer to the PURPLE paper that you will receive in your admissions folder for detailed instructions.

3. **Pre-Enrollment**: Please complete this as soon as possible. Pre-enroll online in up to 6 units before you arrive at SMC. Refer to the list of suggested classes and the link to the Pre-Enrollment Guide included in the Welcome E-mail you received from SMC.
   - Go to your Corsair Connect account at [www.smc.edu/cc](http://www.smc.edu/cc).
   - Use your SMC student ID# and your birth date written as MMDDYY (you will be prompted to change your password).
   - If you are still having trouble, click on “I can’t access my account” at [www.smc.edu/students](http://www.smc.edu/students)

4. **Prep2Test**: Go to [www.smc.edu/prep2test](http://www.smc.edu/prep2test) to prepare for your math and English assessment tests. Students who complete Prep 2 Test often place one to two levels higher than students who do not complete it. All new F-1 international students will take the ESL placement test to determine if it is necessary to take additional ESL classes. If you have taken U.S. college level English (not ESL) or math courses, you may be eligible for an assessment test waiver. Please visit the SMC Assessment Center website for more information on assessment test waivers.

5. **Arrival in the U.S.**: Do not enter the U.S. earlier than 30 days before the Report Date on your I-20. Arriving earlier than 30 days is prohibited by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security! If you cannot arrive by the Report Date on your I-20, you will not be able to attend SMC for this term. Plan to arrive no later than a few days prior to your Check-In Date. Please do not make travel plans outside of Santa Monica before you complete all of the below steps or you will not be able to enroll in classes.
   - **Local Transportation**: [www.bigbluebus.com](http://www.bigbluebus.com) Big Blue Bus Route #7 will take you directly to SMC. Refer to the Welcome Guide booklet that will be included in this acceptance packet for more transportation information.

6. **Check-In at the IEC**: You cannot check in earlier than your specified date and time. Bring the following with you to your check-in:
   - a) Passport & Visa, b) Form I-20, and c) COMPLETED Check-In Form – the PDF link is in the Welcome Email you received from SMC. Please fill out all applicable fields, including the U.S. and Home Country emergency contact information.
   - You will receive a Check-In Receipt and Assessment Card after you Check-In.

7. **Assessment Tests**: Late arrivals will NOT be permitted to take the tests. You must take the tests before moving on to the next steps.
   - Bring the following to your assessment test: a) Passport and b) Assessment Card that you received at Check-In.

8. **Information Seminar**: You must arrive on time and attend the entire seminar or a HOLD will be put on your SMC account and you will not be able to attend the required Group Counseling.
   - Bring the following to your seminar: a) Passport, b) Check-In Receipt, c) SMC math & ESL assessment scores.

9. **Group Counseling**: You must arrive on time and attend the entire session or a HOLD will be put on your SMC account and you will not be able to enroll in any classes.
   - Bring the following to your Group Counseling session: a) Passport and b) SMC math & ESL assessment scores. If you are a transfer student, bring copies of Academic transcripts from other U.S. colleges & universities. This does not apply to language schools or ESL programs. During the session, you will refer to your placement results and the counselor will assist you in selecting appropriate classes, based on your placement level. You must also enroll in Counseling 11: “Orientation to Higher Education.”

**Enroll Full Time**: Remember that you are required to enroll in and complete a minimum of 12 units during the Fall/Spring semesters. F1 students who are admitted for the Summer/Winter sessions must enroll in and complete a minimum of 4 units. You may enroll in no more than one online class in each semester. It is very important that you do this immediately as classes fill very quickly. Depending on when you enroll, you may not get into your first choice classes.