

UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT POLICY

What is DACA?

On June 15, 2012, President Obama announced the creation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. This program allows some young persons who are classified as undocumented immigrants to receive a two-year, renewable authorization to remain and work within the United States. These young persons are often called "DREAMers" after the proposed federal legislation, the DREAM Act (Development, Relief and Education of Alien Minors Act). These persons were brought to the United States as children and have been raised and been educated in this country. They are Americans in every way except lack citizenship status. "They are Americans in their heart, in their minds, in every single way but one: on paper."

In order to obtain DACA-status, these individuals must meet certain criteria including that they were brought to the United States before the age of sixteen, have achieved particular levels of education or military service, and not have been convicted of a felony or have a problematic record of misdemeanors

Students who are granted DACA status are issued an Employment Authorization Document (also known as a work permit) and can apply for a Social Security number from the Social Security Administration.

DACA Students are Welcome at Adler University

DACA recipients represent a potential source of qualified and diverse talent that will be an asset to the helping professions, and patients. These young people are often bi-cultural, bi-lingual, and possess insight into the immigrant experience. In a nation that has a large immigrant population, these young people can help foster the ability of the workforce in the United States.

Know Your Rights

Everyone in the U.S. has certain rights guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution, regardless of your immigration status. You can't always control whether you will come in contact with immigration or law enforcement. It is important to know and practice these scenarios so that you and your friends, family, and colleagues are prepared for any situation. Understanding what your fundamental rights are and how to use them will help you advocate for yourself and respond appropriately if you encounter the police or immigration enforcement. You can learn more about your rights if approached by an immigration officer [here](#).

Who to contact here at Adler University?

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