



# World Education Services

## International Credential Evaluation

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# Introduction

- **World Education Services is the largest, and one of the oldest credential evaluation services in North America**
- **It is an independent not for profit organization**
- **Established in New York in 1974, has been working in Canada since 2000**
- **Currently used by 1,000's of academic institutions, regulatory bodies, attorneys, employers, and recruitment firms**
- **Provided over 53,000 evaluations in 2003**
- **Extensive resources available free of charge through our website**

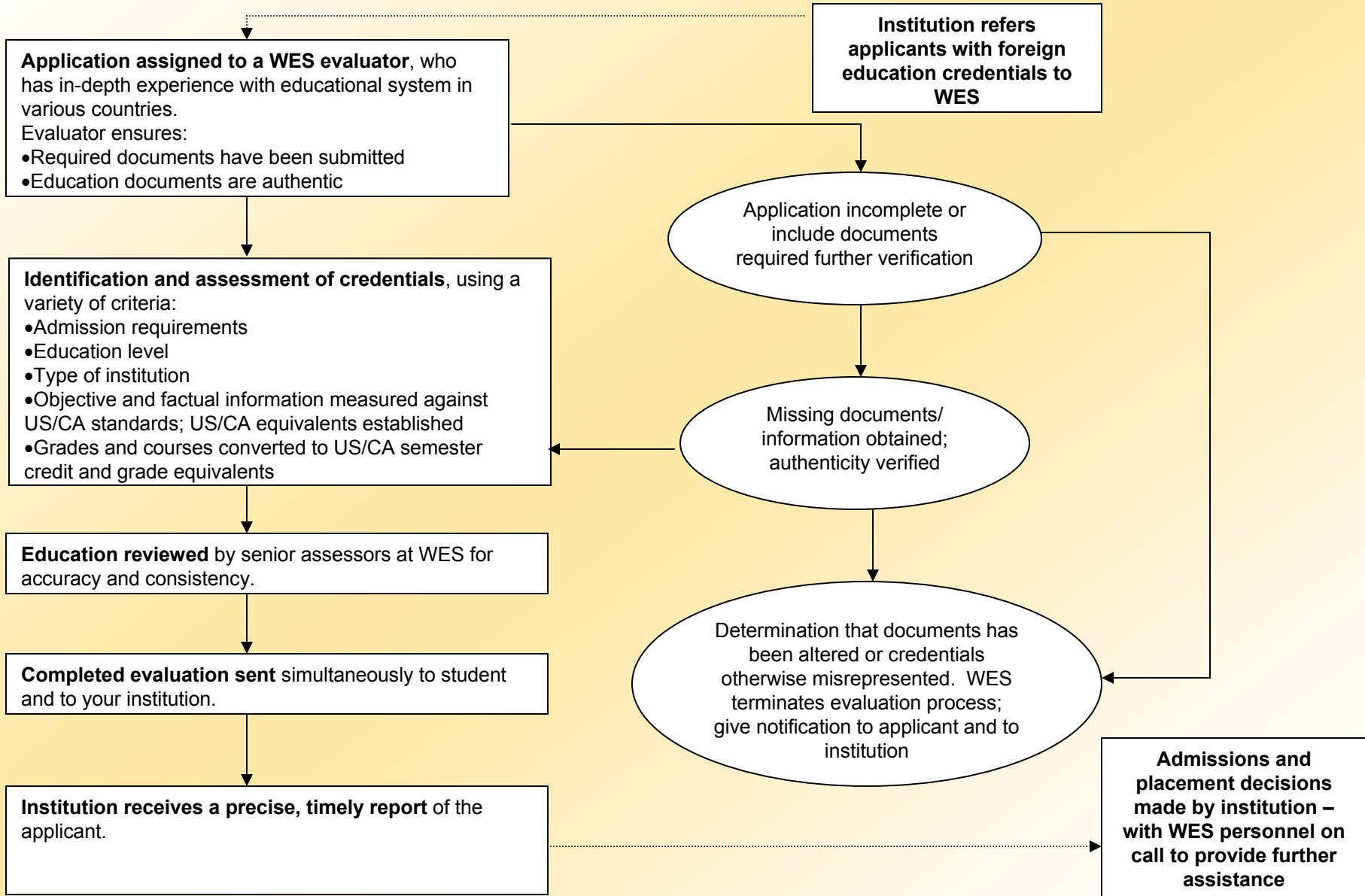


# Credential Evaluation and its Uses

- **Credential evaluation is a tool to compare formal educational credentials earned in one jurisdiction to that which would have been earned in another**
- **International standards recognized by UNESCO although the US has not ratified any of the conventions**
- **Both the US and Canada have national associations that promote principles and practices to which their members adhere**
- **All evaluations completed by WES are an attestation by WES as to:**
  - **The bona fides of the institutions awarding the diplomas or degrees and the programs of study undertaken**
  - **The validity of the documents**

# Credential Evaluation and its Uses

- Applicants and end-users receive a formal and concise evaluation report
- Evaluation provides statement of academic comparability
- Evaluation reports are advisory: end-users are responsible for recognition
- Evaluation reports used for employment, education, licensing
- Reports assist in determining admissibility to institution, credit transfer, eligibility to sit exams, possession of required qualifications, etc.





# Sample Evaluation

## CREDENTIAL EVALUATION REPORT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: July 02, 2002  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Ref #: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### ONTARIO EQUIVALENCY SUMMARY

Bachelor's degree (four years) in finance from a recognised university in Ontario

### CREDENTIAL ANALYSIS

1. Country: China  
Credential: Bachelor of Economics  
Year: 1986  
Awarded by: Nankai University  
Admission requirements: Graduation Certificate (senior high school)  
Length of program: Four years  
Major/Specialization: Finance  
Ontario Equivalency: Bachelor's degree (four years)  
Remarks: Please note that one semester credit equals one lecture hour each week for the duration of the semester.

## COURSE-BY-COURSE ANALYSIS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: July 02, 2002  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Ref #: \_\_\_\_\_  
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(INSTITUTIONS - DATES - SUBJECTS)	Credits	Grades
Nankai University 1982 - 1986		
Political Economics I, II	6.0	B
Monetary and Credit Theory I, II	6.0	C
Mathematics I, II	6.0	C
English I, II	3.0	C
Physical Education I	1.0	B
Physical Education II	1.0	C
Moral Education I, II	2.0	B
Chinese	3.0	C
Classical Chinese Literature I	3.0	A
Mathematics III	3.0	B
Computer	3.0	B
English III, IV	3.0	C
Credits of Industry and Commerce I	3.0	B
Industrial Accounting	3.0	A
Statistics	3.0	B
Commercial Economic Market Accounting	3.0	B
Accounting	3.0	A
Credits of Industry and Commerce II	3.0	A
Physical Education III	1.0	B
Moral Education III, IV	2.0	B
Decision Linearity	3.0	B
Industrial Business Management	3.0	A
Classical Chinese Literature II	3.0	A
Finance and Tax Law	3.0	B
Business Finance	3.0	A
Bank Accounting	3.0	C
Money Circulation	3.0	B
Philosophy	3.0	C
Business English I	1.0	B
Business English II	1.0	C
Insurance	3.0	A
International Finance	3.0	A
Economic Law	3.0	A
Physical Education IV, V	2.0	A
Price Theory	3.0	A
International Trade	3.0	B
Western Money and Banking	3.0	C
Bank Management	3.0	A
Agricultural Finance	3.0	A
Input and Output Analysis	3.0	B
Western Economics	3.0	C
National Economic Planning	3.0	A
Thesis	6.0	A

### SUMMARY

Level of Study: Undergraduate Credits: 128.0



# Working with WES

- Although many institutions in the US and Canada evaluate foreign credentials themselves, a growing number prefer to use an independent service:
  - Universities and Colleges
  - Licensing Bodies
  - Employers
  - Immigration Attorneys
  - Community Agencies





# Costs and Timeframes

- **Basic Report of diploma/degree costs \$100 (US and Canada)**
- **Detailed Report (course information, credits and grades) is \$150 US (\$200 in Canada)**
- **Cost includes free copy to institution**
- **Reports are prepared in 7 working days**
- **In most cases, individuals pay for their own evaluations**



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