

# English Language Proficiency for Admission

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY - ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In June 2009, Senate approved

- 1) that the University would publish minimum scores for English language proficiency tests required for admission;
- 2) that the University would consider CanTEST and CAEL as acceptable English proficiency tests; and
- 3) that, where there is other evidence of proficiency in English, the Admissions Office use its discretion in admitting students whose English proficiency scores fall within the discretionary ranges listed below.

Test	Minimum Score	Minimum Discretionary Range
Test of English as a Second Language (TOEFL) – Paper	580 + 5 TWE	550 + 5 TWE +45-50 TSE with no score less than 50
Test of English as a Second Language (TOEFL) – Internet	88 with a score of 22 in speaking, reading and writing, and 20 in listening	83 with no score less than 20
Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB)	85 with no score less than 80	80 overall with no score less than 78
International English Language Testing System (IELTS)	7.0 overall with no part less than 6.5	6.5 with no part less than 6.0
CanTEST	4.5 overall with no part less than 4.0	4.0 overall
Canadian Academic English Language Assessment (CAEL)	70 overall with no part less than 60	60 overall

### English Language Proficiency (Admission Requirement)

All students applying for undergraduate admission whose first language is not English will be required to write one of the following English proficiency tests or successfully complete English language programs to the level indicated in lieu of tests as indicated below:

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and the Test of Written English (TWE); or the Internet-Based TOEFL (iBT). The minimum score required on the TOEFL is 580 on the paper-based with a 5 on the TWE, and 88 on the internet-based tests with a score of 22 in speaking, reading and writing and 20 in listening.

[www.etscanada.ca](http://www.etscanada.ca)

Western's Institution code number is 0984

The Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB). A minimum overall score of 85 is required with no score less than 80.

[www.cambridgemichigan.org](http://www.cambridgemichigan.org)

The International English Language Testing Service (IELTS). A minimum overall band score of 7.0 is required with no part less than 6.5.

[www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org)

The CanTEST. A minimum overall score of 4.5 is required with no part less than 4.0.

[www.olbi.uottawa.ca/CanTEST](http://www.olbi.uottawa.ca/CanTEST)

Email: [cantest@uOttawa.ca](mailto:cantest@uOttawa.ca)

The Canadian Academic English Language Assessment (CAEL). A minimum overall score of 70 is required with no part less than 60.

[www.cael.ca](http://www.cael.ca)

Email: [cael@carleton.ca](mailto:cael@carleton.ca)

**The Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic). A minimum overall score of 58 is required with no score less than 56.**

<http://pearsonpte.com/>

The University may use discretion when considering applicants whose scores do not meet the above minimum scores and where there is further evidence of English proficiency.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit proof of English proficiency, as stated above, to the Admissions Office before an offer of admission can be made. Proficiency in English is required of all students [see also the policy on ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY (for assignment of grades)].

## **ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS ACCEPTED IN LIEU OF ENGLISH PROFICIENCY TESTS**

### **High-Advanced Level at The English Language Centre at Western University**

Successful completion of the High-Advanced level at The English Language Centre through the Faculty of Education at Western University may be used as proof of English language proficiency. For more information visit [www.englishlanguage.uwo.ca](http://www.englishlanguage.uwo.ca)

### **Level Ten – Fanshawe College EAP Program**

Successful completion of Level 10 of the Fanshawe College English for Academic Purposes Program (ESL4) with no final grade lower than an “A” (80%) may be used as proof of English language proficiency. For more information visit: <http://www.fanshawec.ca/programs-courses/international/english-second-language-esl>

### **Level “D” Cultureworks ESL Program**

Successful completion of the level “D” of the English as a Second Language Program at CultureWorks may be used as proof of English language proficiency.

For more information visit: <http://cultureworkstheschool.com/>

## **ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (Bed) DEGREE**

See [http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/admission/after3years\\_education.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/admission/after3years_education.pdf)

## **ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO UNDERGRADUATE NURSING PROGRAMS**

*Students applying for admission to undergraduate nursing programs must satisfy criteria for English Proficiency, as outlined below:*

### **English Language Proficiency Requirements**

Students applying for admission to undergraduate Nursing programs must satisfy one of the following criteria:

English as a first language,

**OR**

At least four recent years of full-time study in an educational institution where the language of instruction was entirely in English and was located in a country where the first language is English,

**OR**

The required level of proficiency on an acceptable test of English language and an acceptable test of spoken English.

**Acceptable Tests and Scores:**

- TOEFL: Paper-based 580; Computer-based 237 and TSE (Test of Spoken English) 50 or greater; Internet-based - total score of 92-93, with 22-24 in writing, 26 in speaking, 20 in reading, and 20 in listening.
- MELAB: 90, with at least 4 on the oral interview.
- IELTS: 7, with at least 6.5 in reading and listening, and at least 7 in writing and speaking.

Students who, after admission, show an inadequate command of spoken or written English must improve their proficiency to the School's satisfaction. Students may be asked to withdraw from the program if their inadequate command of English interferes with their ability to provide professional services.

**FANSHAWE COLLEGE/HURON COLLEGE BRIDGING PROGRAM FOR ADMISSION**

Effective September 1, 1995, Huron College will accept as a basis of admission, successful completion of the Fanshawe College/Huron College Bridging Program as an alternative to the English Language Proficiency Requirement for international students.

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**Related Policies and Notes:**

Policy on English Language Proficiency for the Assignment of Grades  
[http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/exam/english.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/exam/english.pdf)

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