English Language Proficiency for Admission

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Where there is other evidence of proficiency in English, the Admissions Office may use its discretion in admitting students whose English proficiency scores fall within the discretionary ranges listed below.

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<th>Test</th>
<th>Minimum Score</th>
<th>Minimum Discretionary Range</th>
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<td>Test of English as a Second Language (TOEFL) – Internet</td>
<td>88 with a score of 22 in speaking, reading and writing, and 20 in listening</td>
<td>83 with no score less than 20</td>
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<td>International English Language Testing System (IELTS)</td>
<td>7.0 overall with no part less than 6.5</td>
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<td>CanTEST</td>
<td>4.5 overall with no part less than 4.0</td>
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<td>Canadian Academic English Language Assessment (CAEL)</td>
<td>70 overall with no part less than 60</td>
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Cambridge C1 Advanced or C2 Proficiency | 185 overall with a minimum score of 176 in each component | 176 overall with a minimum score of 169 in each component

*Test of English as a Second Language (TOEFL) – Paper will continue to be accepted on a case-by-case basis

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 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

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

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/](http://pearsonpte.com/)

The Cambridge C1 Advanced or C2 Advanced Proficiency. A minimum overall score of 185 with a minimum score of 175 in each component ([www.cambridgeenglish.org/](http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/))

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

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/

Preliminary Year Program at Brescia University College
Successful completion of the courses English 0005W/X, Speech 0005W/X, Writing 0005W/X, Writing 0010F/G, and Writing 0015F/G with a minimum grade of 75% in each course may be used as proof of English language proficiency. Students with a 6.0 IELTS score are required to take only Writing 0015F/G and English 0005W/X. For more information visit http://brescia.uwo.ca/admissions/admission-requirements/preliminary-year-program/.

Fanshawe College/Huron University College Bridging Program
Successful completion of the Fanshawe College/Huron University College Bridging Program may be used as proof of English language proficiency at Huron University College.

Level 7 – King’s University College/ICEAP Toronto Bridging Program
Successful completion of Level 7 of the King’s University College/ICEAP Toronto Bridging Program may be used as proof of English language proficiency at King’s University College. For more information visit: http://www.toiceap.ca/partners/kings-college-london.html

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
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 UNIVERSITY COLLEGE BRIDGING PROGRAM FOR ADMISSION**

Huron University 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.