



English Language Proficiency Requirements

Entry into post-secondary and Heavy Equipment Operator programs

English is the language of instruction and examination at Great Plains College

Applicants who have completed their secondary (high school) education or received post-secondary training in one of the following exempt countries are not generally required to provide evidence of English language proficiency (ELP).

If your first or primary language is not English and/or your country is not exempt, you will need to provide evidence of having the English language skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing necessary to be successful in the program to which you are applying.

Saskatchewan students graduating from Fransaskois and French Immersion high school programs are not required to meet further ELP requirements.

Exempt Countries

American Samoa	British Virgin Islands	Lesotho	Scotland
Anguilla	Canada (except Quebec)	Malawi	Sierra Leone
Antigua and Barbuda	Cayman Islands	New Zealand	Trinidad and Tobago
Aruba	England	Nigeria	Turks and Caicos Islands
Australia	Fiji	Northern Ireland	Uganda
Bahamas	Ghana	Papua New Guinea	United States of America
Barbados	Grenada	Panama Canal Zone	US Virgin Islands
Belize	Guam	Puerto Rico	Wales
Bermuda	Jamaica	St. Kitts and Nevis	Zambia
Botswana	Kenya	St. Lucia	Zimbabwe

Advanced Placement (AP) English	Successful completion of Grade 12 at an English-speaking high school, including Advanced Placement English courses, each with a minimum grade of 3
Canadian provincially-examined Adult 12 program (secondary education)	A minimum grade of 70% in English Language Arts A30 and English Language Arts B30 (or equivalent) as part of one successful full-time year of study and completion of a provincially-examined Adult 12 program.
Completion of studies at a Canadian or U.S. high school (secondary education)	<p>A minimum grade of 70% in Grade 12 provincially-examined or state-examined English courses as part of one successful full-time year of study; OR successful completion of Grades 10, 11 and 12 English courses or their equivalents, in sequence, as part of three full-time academic years in a high school using provincially-accredited Canadian or state-accredited U.S. curriculum, including regular (10, 20 or 30 level) or modified (11, 21 or 31 level) courses. English as a Second Language courses will not be considered.</p> <p>Quebec applicants must provide proof of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a Secondary V Diplome d'etudes secondaires (DES) with three successful years of English in sequence, or - a minimum of one complete year in an academic diploma program at a French College d'enseignement general et professionnel (CEGEP), and two of the following English courses: English 603-101, 603-102, 603-103, or - a minimum of one complete year in an academic diploma program at an English CEGEP college
Completion of studies at an English-speaking secondary school outside North America in a country that is not exempt	Successful completion of Grades 10, 11, and 12 (or equivalent), in sequence, as part of three full-time years of secondary school taught and examined at an accredited institution recognized by Great Plains College, where English is the official language of instruction and examination. Registrar approval will be required.

U.S. approved Adult 12 program (secondary education)	Successful completion of an approved Adult 12 program, including a minimum grade of 70% in equivalent English courses as part of one successful full-time year of study.
Completion of studies at an English-speaking post-secondary school	Successful completion of a minimum of 24 credits from an accredited program at a recognized institution, or a combination of accredited programs at institutions recognized by Saskatchewan Polytechnic/Great Plains College, where English is the official language of instruction and examination. For health care programs brokered from Saskatchewan Polytechnic program, approval needs to be attained by the Registrar of Saskatchewan Polytechnic. For all other programs, approval needs to be attained by the Director of Learner Services and Adult Basic Education at Great Plains College.
Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) – Internet-based www.toefl.com	An overall minimum score of 81 on the Internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT), with a minimum score of 19 in each of reading, listening, speaking and writing for Saskatchewan Polytechnic programs. An overall minimum score of 79 on the Internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT), with a minimum score of 18 in each of reading, listening, speaking and writing for Assiniboine Community College programs.
Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) – Paper-based www.toefl.com	Minimum test score of 550 with a minimum TWE of 3.5 and a minimum TSE of 50.
International English Language Testing System (IELTS), Academic Module www.ielts.org www.saskpolytech.ca/admissions/admission-requirements/english-language-requirements.aspx	Overall minimum score of Band 6.5 with a minimum score of 5.0 in each component for Saskatchewan Polytechnic programs. <i>Exception: Practical Nursing</i> Listening—7.5

	<p>Reading --- 6.5 Writing ---7.0 Speaking—7.0 Overall band score—7.0</p> <p>Overall minimum score of Band 6.5 with a minimum score of 6.0 in each component for ACC programs.</p>
<p>Pearson Test of English Academic (PTEA) www.pearsonpte.com</p>	<p>For a Saskatchewan Polytechnic program, a minimum score of 63 with minimum component scores of 50 is required.</p> <p>For an Assiniboine Community College program, a minimum score of 58 is required.</p>
<p>Canadian Language Benchmarks (CLB)</p>	<p>Canadian Language Benchmark tests as well as LINC Completion certificates are not accepted as evidence of English proficiency for post-secondary programs.</p>
<p>Canadian Test of English for Scholars and Trainees (CanTEST) www.usask.ca</p>	<p>Minimum score of 4.5 in each of listening and reading, a minimum score of 4.0 in speaking and a minimum score of 4.0 in writing. Note: This test is no longer available as of February 2020. Scores will remain valid for two years.</p>
<p>Duolingo English Test www.englishtest.duolingo.com</p>	<p>For Saskatchewan Polytechnic programs at Great Plains College, a minimum overall score of 105 on the online Duolingo English Test as the equivalent to the minimum overall IELTS score of 6.5, for most programs. Program-specific ELP requirements still apply.</p> <p>For Assiniboine Community College programs at Great Plains College, a score of 115 or higher, with no subscore lower than 100 is required for most programs.</p>
<p>International Baccalaureate (IB) English A1 or A2</p>	<p>Successful completion of the International Baccalaureate Diploma, including higher level English with a minimum grade of 4</p>
<p>Canadian Academic English Language Assessment (CAEL CE and Online) www.cael.ca</p>	<p>Minimum score of 60 with a minimum score of 50 in each component (CE and Online accepted).</p>

University of Cambridge Assessment English C1 Advanced or C2 Proficiency www.cambridgeenglish.org	Minimum grade of C1.
University of Regina ESL Programs www.uregina.ca	Successful completion of ESL 050 (Advanced Level) with completion of either Literature and Writing or Advanced Writing, or a minimum average score of 55 on the ESL placement exam.
University of Saskatchewan ESL programs www.usask.ca	Successful completion of Certificate in English for Academic Purposes (U-PREP 2 or U-Bridge 2).
English School of Canada www.esc-toronto.com	Minimum 70% in UCTP for certificate, diploma, and degree program and 80% for post-graduation certificate program.
International Language Academy of Canada www.ilac.com	ILAC University Pathway program minimum 3.2.
Other college and university intensive ESL programs	Successful completion of a Great Plains College-recognized ESL program from a Canadian college or university, if it is considered equivalent to Great Plains College's required TOEFL iBT or IELTS admission requirements. Proficiency equivalents will be reviewed by Great Plains College's Registrar in consultation with the relevant program head. Registrar approval will be required.
Saskatchewan Polytechnic English for Academic Purposes (English for Success Level 1 and English for Success Level 2) www.saskpolytech.ca/programs-and-courses/international/english-for-academic-purposes.aspx	Successful completion of the Saskatchewan Polytechnic English for Academic Purposes English for Success Level 2.
Other equivalent proofs of proficiency	Proficiency equivalents are reviewed by Great Plains College's Registrar in consultation with the relevant program head. Registrar

	approval is required. Applicants may appeal to the Registrar decisions concerning English language proficiency requirements.
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Entry into Adult Basic Education

Entry Test	Score	Academic Path
CLB-A	Below Reading/Writing 5	ELT upgrading only
IELTS	Below Band 5.5	ELT upgrading only
CLB-A	5 in each of Reading and Writing and minimum 4 in each of Listening and Speaking	ABE Maths/Sciences admission + ELT upgrading
IELTS	Min Band 5.5 and no less than 4.0 in each component	ABE Maths/Sciences admission + ELT upgrading
CLB-A	6 in each of Reading and Writing and minimum of 4 in each of Listening and Speaking	All ABE courses
CLB-PT *NEW**	6 in each of Reading and Writing and minimum of 4 in each of Listening and Speaking	All ABE courses
IELTS	Min 6.5 Band and no less than 5.0 in each component	All ABE courses