



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

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| 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 |

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| <p>Completion of studies at a Canadian or U.S. high school (secondary education)</p> | <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 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'études 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 |
| <p>Canadian provincially-examined Adult 12 program (secondary education)</p> | <p>A minimum grade of 70% in English Language Arts A30 and English Language Arts B30 (or equivalent) of one successful full-time year of study and completion of a provincially-examined Adult 12 program.</p> |
| <p>U.S. approved Adult 12 program (secondary education)</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>Completion of studies at an English-speaking secondary school outside North America in a country that is not exempt</p> | <p>Successful completion of Grades 10, 11, and 12 (or equivalent), in sequence, as part of three full 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.</p> |

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| <p>Completion of studies at an English-speaking post-secondary school</p> | <p>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. For a Saskatchewan Polytechnic program approval needs to be attained by the Registrar of Saskatchewan Polytechnic. For programs that are not brokered from Saskatchewan Polytechnic, approval needs to be attained by the Director of Learner Services and Adult Basic Education at Great Plains College.</p> |
| <p>Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) – Internet-based www.toefl.com</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
| <p>TOEFL – Paper-based www.toefl.com</p> | <p>Minimum test score of 550 with a minimum TWE of 3.5 and a minimum TSE of 50.</p> |
| <p>International English Language Testing System (IELTS), Academic Module www.ielts.org www.saskpolytech.ca/admissions/admission-requirements/english-language-requirements.aspx</p> | <p>Overall minimum score of Band 6.5 with a minimum score of 5.0 in each component for Saskatchewan Polytechnic programs.</p> <p><i>Exception: Practical Nursing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listening—7.5 Reading --- 6.5 Writing ---7.0 Speaking—7.0 Overall band score—7.0 |
| <p>CELP</p> | <p>Overall and individual component scores of 4H</p> |

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| <p>Canadian Language Benchmarks (CLB) www.saskpolytech.ca/admissions/admission-requirements/english-language-requirements.aspx</p> | <p>Minimum score on the CLB* required by the program (minimums range from 7 to 9). Applicants testing at Saskatchewan Polytechnic who achieve a score of 8+ on the CLB will be considered to have met level 9 as Saskatchewan Polytechnic does not currently test for benchmark 9 or higher.</p> <p>It should also be noted that only CLB-A testing will be accepted as evidence of English proficiency. For Saskatchewan Polytechnic programs at Great Plains College we will NOT accept the Canadian Language Benchmarks Placement Test (CLBPT), LINC Completion certificates, or IRCC evaluations as evidence of English proficiency.</p> <p>Overall minimum score of 7 with a minimum score of 7 across all CLB components for ACC programs *</p> <p>It should also be noted that only CLB-A testing will be accepted as evidence of English proficiency. For Assiniboine College programs offered at Great Plains College we will NOT accept the Canadian Language Benchmarks Placement Test (CLBPT), LINC Completion certificates, or IRCC evaluations as evidence of English proficiency.</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.</p> |
| <p>Canadian Academic English Language Assessment (CAEL) www.cael.ca</p> | <p>Minimum score of 60 with a minimum score of 50 in each component.</p> |
| <p>University of Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE) www.cam.ac.uk</p> | <p>Minimum grade of C.</p> |
| <p>Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) www.umich.edu</p> | <p>Minimum score of 85 for Saskatchewan Polytechnic programs. Minimum score of 80 for ACC programs.</p> |

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| 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 University Preparation Level 2 (UPREP 2) or U-Bridge 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. |
| 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. |
| International Baccalaureate (IB) English A1 or A2 | Successful completion of the International Baccalaureate Diploma, including higher level English with a minimum grade of 4. |
| 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. |

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM-SPECIFIC ELP REQUIREMENTS

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| Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing | See www.sasknursingdegree.ca/scbscn/ |
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English Language Proficiency Requirements

Entry into Adult Basic Education

| Entry Test | Score | Academic Path |
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| 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 | 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 |