



Ashton College

POLICY

TITLE: English Language Proficiency Requirements

CATEGORY: Student

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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to define the English Language Proficiency requirements for students applying for admission to Ashton College.

Since all academic activities at Ashton College are conducted in English, it is essential that all students possess strong writing, speaking, listening and reading skills.

1. Policy

Before prospective students can be admitted to Ashton College, they must meet the Ashton College English Language Proficiency requirements. There are several different ways to do this:

- 1.1. Achieve a grade of 70% or better on the provincial examination portion of BC English 12 or English Literature 12 or equivalent;
- 1.2. Complete three or more consecutive years of full-time education in English within Canada immediately prior to attending Ashton College; or
- 1.3. Complete four or more consecutive years of full-time education in English in a country other than Canada appearing on the list in paragraph 3. These four years maybe be immediately prior to attending Ashton College; or
- 1.4. Graduate from a recognized degree program at an accredited university in a country appearing on the list in paragraph 3.
- 1.5. Achieve the competency standard indicated by one of the Tests of English Language Proficiency mentioned in paragraph 2.

2. Tests of English Language Proficiency

- 2.1. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
 - Academic Level with a minimum score of 79- 80 (Internet-based)
 - 213 for Computer-based
 - 550 for Paper-based
- 2.2. The Canadian Academic English Language Assessment Test (CAEL)
 - A minimum score of 60
- 2.3. International English Language Testing (IELTS)
 - Academic Level with a minimum overall score of 6.0
- 2.4. Michigan Test of English Language Proficiency (MELAB)
 - A minimum score of 76
- 2.5. International Test of English Proficiency (iTEP)
 - Academic Level 3
- 2.6. Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program (CELPIP)
 - A minimum CELPIP-General level 7 in all components
- 2.7. Cambridge English Advanced (CAE)
 - A minimum score 58 or C.
- 2.8. Canadian Language Benchmarks (CLB)
 - A minimum score 7.
- 2.9. Duolingo Test:
 - A minimum proficiency score of 46%

Please note that scores for the standardized English language tests are only valid for a 24-month period from the date of testing.

3. Accepted Countries

Antigua and Barbuda	Guam	St. Vincent & The Grenadines
Australia	Guyana	Sierra Leone
Bahamas	Ireland	Singapore
Barbados	Jamaica	South Africa
Belize	Kenya	Tanzania
Bermuda	Lesotho	Trinidad & Tobago
Botswana	Liberia	Turks and Caicos Islands
British Virgin Islands	Malta	Uganda
Cayman Islands	Mauritius	United Kingdom
Dominica	Monserrat	United States of America
Falkland Islands	New Zealand	Zambia
Fiji	Nigeria	Zimbabwe
Gambia	Seychelles	
Ghana	St. Kitts and Nevis	
Grenada	St. Lucia	