



Language Requirements for ESL Students

English as a Second Language Applicants

English is the language of instruction and examination in the School of Nursing. Success in our degree program requires a high level of English language proficiency.

If English is **not** your first language (i.e., is not the first language you learned at home as a child) OR (i.e., students for whom English is a second language regardless of resident status), you will need to provide evidence of adequate English proficiency for admission consideration, **unless you qualify for an exemption, as shown below.**

Tests/Qualifications That Provide Acceptable Evidence of English Proficiency

If you are required to present evidence of English language proficiency, you can satisfy the requirement by completing one of the tests/qualifications listed below with acceptable results.

If you are unsure as to whether you are required to submit evidence of English proficiency, contact the School of Nursing or the University Admissions office for more information.

Duolingo English Test - In order to meet SNU School of Nursing language requirements, international students must earn a minimum overall Duolingo English Test score of **105**.

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) - In order to meet SNU School of Nursing language requirements, international students must earn a minimum TOEFL score of **83**, with a minimum score of **26 or above** in the speaking section.

International English Language Testing System (IELTS) - In order to meet SNU School of Nursing language requirements, international students must earn a minimum IELTS score of **6.5**, with a minimum score of **7.0** in the speaking section.

Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC) - In order to meet the SNU School of Nursing language requirements, international students must earn a minimum score of **724** in listening and reading and a minimum score of **140** in speaking and writing.

Exemption for Approved Native English-Speaking Countries - The School of Nursing defines an individual who has successfully completed the requirements for all four years of, and graduated from, an accredited high school in an approved English-speaking country as being a "first language" or "native" user of English. Such individuals do not need to be certified for English capacity. For more information, please contact the SNU School of Nursing.