

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY POLICY

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Since all educational activities at Stenberg College are conducted in English, it is essential that all students possess strong:

- Written Communication Skills
- Oral Communication Skills
- Reading Comprehension Skills
- Listening Comprehension Skills

This allows students to cope with the rigours of Student College's academic curriculum and to successfully complete the applied components of the programs.

English is the language of instruction at Stenberg College. Therefore, all applicants must demonstrate an adequate level of English proficiency to ensure success in their chosen program and courses by meeting one of the following two requirements:

- 1) Evidence that 3 years of full-time Secondary (Grades 8-12), or 2 years of Post-Secondary education have been completed in English in a country where English is one of the principal languages. (Language courses cannot be included in this calculation)

Or

- 2) Submit the results of one of the following English language proficiency tests at the score level specific to the program to which they apply. Accepted proficiency tests vary according to the individual program. Overall accepted proficiency tests include: IELTS, CLBPT, CELPIP, CELBAN, CAEL, TOEFL, MELAB, Cambridge English (FCE, CAE, CPE), GED, Accuplacer, Duolingo, Pearson PTE, Versant and SMRT

Please note that the acceptable standardized English language tests and the scores required:

- Vary by program and are detailed on the specific program outline for reference
- Are only valid for a 24-month period from the date of testing
- For regulated programs, permitted tests and scores dictated by the regulatory body will supersede all else

The above requirements are general guidelines only. Stenberg College reserves the right to require a successfully completed language proficiency test based on the requirements of the specific program.

For students who do not initially meet the program specific language proficiency requirements, the following options will be offered:

- a. Improve their English by themselves through self-study or by participating in an external EAL program prior to Stenberg College program entry. Take one of the accepted proficiency tests, and official documentation must be submitted for program entry once the required English level is achieved.
- b. Enroll into Stenberg College's English Language Support Course and progress through the course until the required English level is demonstrated in accordance with the English requirements of the potential student's program of choice.

*The following countries are considered as those with English language systems / institutions, where English is a primary and official language, and the language used for education as per the University of British Columbia.

American Samoa	Canada*	Guyana	Nigeria	Tanzania
Anguilla	Cayman Islands	Ireland	Seychelles	Turks & Caicos Islands
Antigua & Barbuda	Dominica	Jamaica	Sierra Leone	Uganda
Australia	Falkland Islands	Kenya	Singapore	United Kingdom
Bahamas	Fiji	Lesotho	South Africa	USA
Barbados	Gambia	Liberia	St. Helena	US Virgin Islands
Bermuda	Ghana	Malta	St. Kitts & Nevis	Zambia
Belize	Gibraltar	Mauritius	St. Lucia	Zimbabwe
Botswana	Grenada	Montserrat	St. Vincent & the Grenadines	
British Virgin Islands	Guam	New Zealand	Trinidad & Tobago	

*Applicants educated in Quebec at an institution where the language of instruction was not English, must provide evidence of external English language proficiency testing.