

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 Post-Secondary education has 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 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, language proficiency requirements, including 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.