

R3.8 – English Language Proficiency



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Related Policy:	R3.15 Student Admissions

Purpose

The purpose of the English Language Proficiency policy is to establish the requirement for program applicants to provide proof of their English language proficiency, ensuring that all students possess the necessary language skills to succeed in their program of study.

Description

English is the language of instruction and communication at Stenberg College therefore all program applicants are required to provide proof of their English language proficiency to satisfy admission requirements. This proficiency requirement ensures that all students have the necessary English language skills to be successful in their program.

Principles

- English language proficiency is a foundational requirement for admission to all programs at Stenberg College to ensure students are equipped to succeed in both academic and applied learning environments.
- All applicants must demonstrate sufficient proficiency in English to participate effectively in instruction, assessment, and communication.
- The College recognizes a range of credible pathways through which applicants may demonstrate English language proficiency, including prior education in English-language systems, approved standardized testing, or institutionally approved alternative assessment methods.
- For regulated programs, the language proficiency requirements established by the relevant regulatory body supersede all institutional requirements, including permitted tests, formats, and minimum scores.
- Applicants will not be permitted to start College courses until proof of English language proficiency is received.
- A notarized translation of documents will be required for admission if in a language other than English.
- International education credentials (confirming medium of instruction in English) as recognized through WES, ICES, or IQAS are acceptable). Stenberg College supports the removal of barriers for applicants from non-English speaking countries to demonstrate English Language Proficiency by offering alternative pathways.
- Where an applicant requires evidence of English proficiency, only recognized English exam scores will be valid if taken within two (2) years of application to Stenberg College.

- Additional documentation may be required to further validate proof of English language proficiency.
- 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 list of countries that satisfy the English language admission standard as defined by [PTIRU](#).
- Programs may have requirements that vary.