

Revised English Language Proficiency Requirements Policy			
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English Language Proficiency

The language of instruction at LCV is English. Applicants can demonstrate their English language competency in one of the following ways:

Degree Applicants

1. Achieve minimum scores on tests of English proficiency as described in the English Language Proficiency table below.
2. For degree applicants, achieve a grade of 68 percent in any one of: BC English 12, English Literature 12, English 12 First Peoples, Communications 12 or Technical and Professional Communications 12 or equivalent in another high school system. Equivalencies can only be determined by the Registrar or Chief Academic Officer.
3. Advanced Placement (AP) English Language or English Literature, minimum grade of 3 or 68 percent.
4. International Baccalaureate (IB) English Language A1 or A2 (Higher or Standard level), minimum grade of 5 or better.
5. Proof of undergraduate or higher degree conferral from a recognized post-secondary institution where English is the language of instruction.
6. Achieve 68 percent or higher in 100-level English language course at a recognized post-secondary institution.
7. Successful completion of a minimum of two consecutive full-time academic terms of post-secondary course work at an equivalent credential level, with a minimum overall score of 68% or equivalent at a recognized Canadian college or university in which English is the language of instruction. Successful completion is defined as passing all courses for which the student was registered during the two terms. (**Language development courses (i.e., ELL courses) cannot be included in this calculation.*)

Certificate and Diploma Applicants

1. Achieve minimum scores on tests of English proficiency as described in the English Language Proficiency table below.

2. Evidence that 3 years of full-time secondary education (Grades 8-12), or 2 years if the Grades are 10, 11, or 12, have been successfully completed in the program's language of instruction in a country where the language of instruction is one of the principal languages. *(This may be demonstrated by providing a high school transcript, completion of a BC Adult Graduation program or providing international education credentials recognized through WES, ICES, or IQAS.)*
3. 2 years of full-time post-secondary education* have been completed in the program's language of instruction in a country where the language of instruction is one of the principal languages (includes international education credentials recognized through WES, ICES, and IQAS).
**Language development courses (i.e., ELL courses) cannot be included in this calculation.*
4. Evidence of graduation from language program with a minimum grade/level from a Languages Canada accredited institution with an established pathway/articulation agreement allowing direct entry (no further testing required) to a diploma or degree program at a public institution in Canada. *Documentation of the student's graduation from the pathway program must also be included in the student's record.*

Required English Language Proficiency Scores

The tables below delineate the English language proficiency scores required for diploma and degree studies at LCV.

Proof of Proficiency	Proficiency Requirement (Academic Calendar)	Notes
IELTS (Academic)	Diploma/ Certificate: Overall Band 5.5	<i>Not IELTS General Training</i>
	Degree: Overall Band 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 in Writing	
Internet Based TOEFL	Diploma/ Certificate: 75	<i>Scores must be achieved on the same test.</i> <i>TOEFL MyBest (super-scored) is not accepted.</i> <i>TOEFL Essential results are not accepted.</i>
	Degree: 80 with a minimum of 20 in Writing	
PTE- A Pearson (in-person only)	Diploma/ Certificate: Overall 45 with a minimum of 51 in Writing	<i>Pearson PTE Academic Test</i>
	Degree: Overall 61 with a minimum of 60 in Writing	
Cambridge International Examinations: Advanced Level A-levels	Diploma/ Certificate: B2 First 162+	<i>B2 First was formerly known as First (FCE)</i> <i>C1 Advanced was formerly known as CAE</i> <i>Not AS-level</i>
	Degree: CAE C1 Advanced 176+	
CAEL	Diploma/ Certificate: Minimum overall score of 40	
	Degree:	

	Minimum overall score of 70 with no component below 60	
CELP	Diploma/ Certificate: Listening 6, Speaking 6, Reading 5, and Writing 5	
	Degree: Overall 8, with no component less than 7	
Duolingo	Diploma/ Certificate: 95	
	Degree: 120 overall. No integrated subscore less than 95	

NB: All scores must have been obtained within two years of the start date of the program to be considered valid.

Accepted Benchmarks for Language Proficiency

Benchmark	Range	Notes
GSE Global Scale of English	Diploma/Certificate:	
	51	
	Degree: 59	
CLB Canadian Language Benchmarks	Diploma/Certificate:	
	6	
	Degree: 8	
CEFR Common European Framework of Reference for Languages	Diploma/Certificate:	<i>B1 equates to 51-58 on the GSE</i> <i>B2 equates to 59-75 on the GSE</i>
	B1 (formerly known as B1+)	
	Degree: B2	

NB: Scores on other standardized English language proficiency tests that meet these Benchmarks may also be considered on a case-by-case basis.

ESL Pathway Institutions and Requirements

As per the new [EQA Policy and Procedures Manual](#) effective January 1, 2025, language level requirements must include language level tests that are recognized internationally (e.g., Canadian Language Benchmarks, International English Language Testing Service (IELTS)) and are conducted by a reputable third party.

Students who achieve the scores below from LCV partner institutions meet the associated English language proficiency requirements.

ESL Pathway Institutions & Requirements		
Pathway Partners	Certificate & Diploma	Degree
Centre of English Studies (CES) https://www.centennialcollege.ca/admissions/language-proficiency-information/english-as-a-second-language-partnerships	CES EAP 75%	CES EAP 80%
EC Canada (Vancouver) https://www.centennialcollege.ca/admissions/language-proficiency-information/english-as-a-second-language-partnerships	University Pathways Program – Pre-Advanced	University Pathways Program – Pre-Advanced
EF Education First https://www.royalroads.ca/admission/admission-info-international-students/language-school-partners	B2	C1 or C2
ILAC https://www.vcc.ca/international/future-students/apply/english-requirements/ilac-university-pathway/	Pathway 2.2 - Level 13	Pathway 3.3 – Level 16
ILSC https://www.vcc.ca/international/future-students/apply/english-requirements/ilsc-university-pathway/	Level I3	Level A2
Kaplan Vancouver https://www.royalroads.ca/admission/admission-info-international-students/language-school-partners	C1 Advanced	C2 Proficiency
Oxford International Vancouver https://www.royalroads.ca/admission/admission-info-international-students/language-school-partners	Level 7	Level 8
St. George International College (SGIC) https://www.nait.ca/nait/admissions/applying-to-nait/entrance-requirements/english-language-proficiency	70% or higher in: –Argumentation; and Problem Solving; and Canadian Academic Culture; and –No more than 5 absences	n/a
Sprott Shaw Language College https://www.nic.bc.ca/_resources/pdf/partnership-agreements/EPA_Sprott_Shaw_Language_College.pdf	EPE certificate program with minimum coursework grade of 70%	EPE certificate program with minimum coursework grade of 85%
The Language Gallery (TLG) https://www.royalroads.ca/admission/admission-info-international-students/language-school-partners	UPP Level 6	n/a
VGC https://www.royalroads.ca/admission/admission-info-international-students/language-school-partners	Level 7 Advanced University Preparation	Level 7 Advanced University Preparation

** The accepted English Language Requirements and pathway options are subject to change.*

Assessment of Prior Education Where English is the Language of Instruction

Education completed in English in the following countries may count towards an assessment of prior education in English.

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