

## **English language skills requirements for students enrolling on entry to the Diploma of Nursing program.**

At entry to the Diploma of Nursing program the student (applicant) must have English as their primary language as per the requirements specified in the NMBA English Language Skills (ELS) registration standard <https://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards/English-language-skills.aspx>

The selection for program Entry English language requirements is based on an applicant meeting one of the following criteria:

1. English is your **primary language** OR
  2. Provide a valid English Language Test Score result
- 1. Primary Language means:**
- *The language you primarily use and the language that you know best and are the most comfortable with.*
  - *You have attended and satisfactorily completed at least **six years of primary and secondary education** taught and assessed solely in English in a **recognised country**, including at least two years between 7 and 12.*

**Recognised Country means the following countries or territories:**

*Antigua & Barbados, Anguilla, Australia, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, British Indian Ocean Territory, Canada, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Grenada, Guernsey, Guyana, Isle of Man, Jamaica, Jersey, Malta, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, Saint Helena, St Kitts & Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago, United Kingdom, USA, US Virgin Islands*

**English as your primary language:**

You have an Australian Year 12 Certificate with at least a 'C' average grade in tertiary English and accredited Math's (completed within the last 10 years).

You achieve the required minimum scores for the Literacy, Language and Numeracy test. Program entry is based on an applicant submitting a LLN test from an Australian Government provider demonstrating achievement of an Australian Core Skills Framework Exit Level 4, as a minimum.

**Exceptions:**

- Applicants with English as a primary language, who have successfully completed an Australian Year 12 certificate that includes an English subject, need only undertake the numeracy component of this LLN test.

- Applicants submitted a formal English test score result as the required level need only undertake the numeracy component of this LLN test.

**OR**

2. **At admission to the program** applicant has submitted a formal English language test score result that meets the minimum ELS requirements as specified in the NMBA English language skills registration standard.

**English is not your primary language:**

If English is not your primary language the student (applicant) will be required to sit an English language test, please refer to either of the following approved provider's websites for more information:

- [Cambridge English Test](#)
- [International English Language Testing System](#) - (IELTS)
- [Occupational English test](#) - OET (nursing only)
- [Pearson test of English academic](#) - PTE Academic
- the **TOEFL iBT**

The Cambridge test with a minimum overall score of 185 in each of the three components listening, reading and speaking and a minimum score of 176 in writing with a maximum of two test sittings in a 12-month period only.

The IELTS with a minimum overall score of 7 and a minimum score of 7 in listening, reading and speaking and a minimum score of 6.5 in writing in each sitting with a maximum of two test sitting in a 12-month period only.

The OET with a minimum of B in listening, reading, and speaking) and a minimum score of C+ in writing with a maximum of two test sittings in a 12month period only.

The PTE Academic with a minimum overall score of 66 and a minimum score of 66 in listening, reading, and speaking) and minimum result of 56 in writing with a maximum of two test sittings in a 12-month period only.

the **TOEFL iBT** with a minimum total score of 94 and the following minimum score in each section of the test:

- 24 for listening,
- 24 for reading,
- 27 for writing, and
- 23 for speaking.

**Are you a permanent resident applying to enter the Diploma of Nursing program?**

If English is not your primary language and you have not completed at least six years of primary and secondary education taught and assessed solely in English in a recognised country, including at least two year between 7 and 12.

You will then be required to sit and complete an English language test as stated above for entry into the Diploma of Nursing program that demonstrates that you have achieved the NMBA specified level of English language skills, prior to commencing in the Diploma of Nursing program.

**Additional requirements for all students (applicants) before commencing in the Diploma of Nursing program:**

Students (applicants) will now be required to sign a declaration that English is their primary language or evidence that they have achieved the minimum English language test results as specified in the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia's (NMBA) English language skills registration standard.