

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 are 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:

Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, UK and USA.

English as your primary language:

You have an Australian Year 12 Certificate with at least a 'C' average grade in tertiary English and accredited Maths (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:

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

The IELTS with a minimum overall score of 7 and a minimum score of 7 in each of the four components (listening, reading, writing and speaking) in each sitting with a maximum of two test sittings in a 6 month period.

The OET with a minimum of B in each of the four components (listening, reading, writing, and speaking) with a maximum of two test sittings in a 6-month period.

The PTE Academic with a minimum overall score of 65 and a minimum score of 65 in each of the four communicative skills (listening, reading, writing and speaking) a maximum of two test sittings in a 6 month period.

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.