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Board Approved English Proficiency Services

1. **Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) - iBT- Internet Based Test-**
<http://www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/register/>

Passing Standard: Overall score of 84 with a minimum speaking score of 26

2. **International English Language Testing System (IELTS) -**
http://www.ielts.org/ielts_in_the_usa/us_register_online.aspx

Passing Standard: Overall score of 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 in all other modules-
Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking

3. **Pearson PTE Academic-**
<http://pearsonpte.com/testme/Taking/Pages/register.aspx>

Passing Standard: Overall score of 55 with a minimum of 50 in all other modules-
Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking

4. **International Test of English Proficiency (iTEP) –**
<https://www.itepexam.com/>

Passing Standard: Overall score of 3.9

Exemption from the English Language Proficiency Requirement

To be exempt from having to take an English language proficiency examination, you must meet the following requirements:

English must have been the language of instruction, including the language of the textbooks;
AND Your entry level nursing education was completed in one of the following countries:

- Australia
- Barbados
- Canada (except Quebec, only schools approved for exemption are: McGill University, Dawson College, Vanier College, John Abbott College, and Heritage College)
- Ireland
- Jamaica
- New Zealand
- South Africa
- Trinidad and Tobago
- United Kingdom
- United States

If you meet these criteria, you do not need to take an English language proficiency examination.