

LANGUAGE POLICY

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1. Preamble

To be successful in a post-secondary education program, a student must possess adequate language proficiency in the language of instruction. All courses at Hanson College BC (hereafter 'Hanson') are delivered in English; therefore, a prospective student must show adequate proof of language proficiency before being offered admission to the college. Hanson College BC recognizes that international students from non-English speaking countries might not have the English language skills equivalent to those of native English speakers. The following guidelines are in place to ensure that all students enrolled in Cambrian College programs at Hanson College BC have sufficient English language skills to achieve academic success at the post-secondary level.

2. Policy

- 2.1. An international student from a non-English speaking country applying to Hanson with no proof of English language proficiency must successfully complete Hanson's English Placement Test prior to registration.
- 2.2. All offers of admission to Hanson College BC are conditional prior to the successful completion of the English Placement Test.
- 2.3. Students can elect to take the English Proficiency Test during the time of admission to ensure no additional conditions are placed on the Letter of Admission (LOA).
- 2.4. A student holding a conditional offer of admission who meet the language proficiency requirements will be admitted directly to their chosen program of study.
- 2.5. It is the responsibility of the admission officer or designate to enroll students in the online test.

3. English Language Proficiency

- 3.1. Students seeking admission into Cambrian Diploma programs can demonstrate English language proficiency through:
 - (a) Obtaining a grade of 60% or higher on the English Placement Test; or
 - (b) Successfully completing the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program at Hanson with a passing mark of 60% or above and a minimum attendance of 75%.
 - (c) Please refer to the chart in section 3.5 for more details on English language proficiency exemption.
- 3.2. Students seeking admission into the **English for Academic Purposes program (EAP)** must take Hanson's English Placement Test prior to admission. Students with a minimum score of 40% will be registered into the EAP pathway program to enter into a Cambrian program at Hanson College BC.

3.3. Qualifications for Exemption from the English Placement Test:

EXAM OR COURSE	MINIMUM MARK FOR DIPLOMA PROGRAM	MINIMUM MARK FOR GRAD CERTIFICATE	NOTES
IELTS	6.0 (no band below 5.5)	6.5 (no band below 6.0)	Results are only valid within two (2) years from the test date.
TOEFL (paper)	550	570	
TOEFL (computer)	80	84	
PTE	58	61	
EAP (language school) Pathway	Passing mark of 60% or above	Passing mark of 70% or above	EAP Pathway to Cambrian College programs @ Hanson College BC
English 12 / ENG4U	C- (or passing grade)	C- (or passing grade)	From a school in Canada
IB English 12	C- (or passing grade)	C- (or passing grade)	From English-speaking school
One full post-secondary semester	Passing grades in all courses	Passing grades in all courses	Full-time school in Canada CAAT college or University
EN 12 or TPC 12 (or a provincial equivalent)	Passing mark of 50% or above	Passing mark of 50% or above	From recognized Canadian secondary school

3.4. Subsequent English Placement Tests

- 3.4.1** A student is permitted to take the English Placement Test more than once (with a maximum of two (2) attempts) at the discretion of the Associate Director, Academics, Admissions officer or designate.
- 3.4.2** The time required between attempts at the English Proficiency Test is also at the discretion of the Associate Director, Academics, Admissions officer or designate.
- 3.5.** Associate Director, Academics or designate: oversees the administration of the English Proficiency Test, as well as its integrity, grading, and the communication of the results to the Admission Officers responsible for the admission process and Student Services Administrators responsible for the enrollment process.
- 3.6.** Test results will be available to the student a maximum of five (5) business days after writing the English Proficiency Test.
- 3.7.** The Student Services Officer is responsible for maintaining the English Placement Test Results Letter or proof of exemption (accompanied by Exemption Letter) in the student file.