

**NEOSHO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
MARY GRIMES SCHOOL OF NURSING**

***English Language Proficiency Policy***

The profession of nursing requires excellent communications skills. NCCC and the Kansas State Board of Nursing have identified that students who are English as a Second Language (ESL) are considered to be at risk for unsuccessful completion of the nursing program and the NCLEX exam. The goal is to assist the student who speaks a foreign language to achieve academic success in the nursing program at NCCC.

Any applicant whose primary language for written or oral communication is not American English must meet with the International Student Coordinator at NCCC and is expected to meet the requirements of NCCC college enrollment.

1. The student applicant initiates the process by contacting the International Student Coordinator at NCCC.
2. The student applicant is required to take the (TOEFL iBT), ACCUPLACER and/or IELTS exam to validate proficiency of the English Language.
3. In order to be considered for admission into the nursing program, the student applicant must meet each of the following required minimum scores:
  - a. TOEFL:
    - i. Total score of 79
    - ii. Reading section – 19
    - iii. Listening section – 20
    - iv. Speaking section – 20
    - v. Writing section – 20
  - b. ACCUPLACER: see College Mandatory Placement Policy.
    - i. Reading
    - ii. Writing
  - c. IELTS
    - i. Total score of 6.5
    - ii. Reading – 6.5
    - iii. Writing – 5.5
    - iv. Speaking – 6.5
    - v. Listening – 6.5
4. In the event the student applicant does not meet the required minimum scores; the student should seek assistance at the Chapman Learning Center (CLC) in Chanute or The Learning Center (TLC) in Ottawa. Upon successful completion of recommendations of the CLC or TLC, the student may retake the exam to validate proficiency.

Notes:

- The nursing department is unable to assist the student until a written verification is received from the International Student Coordinator stating the student is ready to proceed.
- Minimum TOEFL and IELTS scores are set by KSBN. See [TOEFL Proficiency Standards](#).

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