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|  <p>THE ASSOCIATION OF REGISTERED NURSES OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</p> | English Language Proficiency POLICY |
| | Date Effective: March 23, 2020 |
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Background

The Regulated Health Professions Act indicates that an applicant must be reasonably proficient in written and spoken English in order to be eligible for registration. This is to ensure that an applicant, once registered, can safely and effectively communicate with clients and other members of the health care team.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to describe what evidence of English Language Proficiency will be acceptable to CRNPEI.

1.0 Policy

- 1.1 Canadian applicants must have completed a nursing program where English was the language of instruction for both theory and clinical. A written statement from the nursing program may be required.
- 1.2 Online or distance education programs are not accepted as proof of proficiency.
- 1.3 Registration in another Canadian jurisdiction where the applicant has met that jurisdiction's English language requirement.
- 1.4 Internationally Educated Nurses (IENs) must complete one of the following English language tests and achieve the following scores:

| Test Component | International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic | Canadian English Language Benchmark Assessment for Nursing (CELBAN) |
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| Speaking | 7.0 | 8 |
| Listening | 7.5 | 10 |
| Reading | 6.5 | 8 |
| Writing | 7.0 | 7 |
| Overall | 7.0 | n/a |

- 1.5 English Language Proficiency Test results will expire two years from the date the test was completed. If the test results expire prior to registration, your application will be placed on hold until an updated test is received or proof that one of the other criteria has been met.
- 1.6 In lieu of an English Language Proficiency test, an IEN must provide proof of employment for a minimum of 24 months in a practice setting where English was the primary language used. This may occur through the NNAS process, or a written statement from the employer may be required.
- 1.7 CRNPEI does not intervene in the National Nursing Assessment Service (NNAS) process to determine English language proficiency. If NNAS determines an applicant is not proficient in English, the applicant will be required to submit an English language test to NNAS.
- 1.8 CRNPEI does not “waive” NNAS English language proficiency test requirements.