

English Language Proficiency (ELP)

The language of instruction and communication at Grande Prairie Regional College is English. Regardless of the country of origin or citizenship status, if an applicant's native language is not English, they must demonstrate proficiency in the English language before they will be considered for admission to any credit course or credit program. This includes online courses and part-time study.

COVID-19 UPDATE: With a growing number of school and English Language Testing Centres closures around the world, GPRC has made adjustments so applicants from affected regions can meet English Language Proficiency requirements.

Duolingo English Test:

If you are in a region impacted by IELTS or TOEFL test centre closures due to the COVID-19 outbreak, GPRC will temporarily accept the Duolingo English Test as one of the ways to meet our English Language Proficiency requirements. Duolingo English Tests taken after February 1, 2020 will be accepted for admission to the Fall 2020 and Winter 2021 semesters only. The Duolingo English Test will **not** be accepted for the Nursing program.

The Duolingo English Test is an English proficiency test that can be taken online, on-demand, in under one hour for \$49.00 USD. Certified results are available within 48 hours of the test session and applicants should request Duolingo send the results directly to Grande Prairie Regional College. For more information about the Duolingo English Test, visit <https://englishtest.duolingo.com/>.

Minimum Duolingo English Test score required for most programs: **105 (Not accepted for Nursing)**

TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition Test:

GPRC has always accepted the TOEFL test for meeting English Language Proficiency requirements. ETS is temporarily offering the TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition test. The test is identical in content, format and on-screen experience to the TOEFL iBT test taken at a test centre. It is taken on your own computer at home and is monitored by a human proctor online through ProctorU®: <https://www.ets.org/s/cv/toefl/at-home/>

Minimum TOEFL iBT score required: **At least 83 total; minimum score of 20 points in each section**

Nursing applicants: At least 86 with a minimum score of 21 in Listening, Reading & Writing and minimum of 26 in Speaking.

GPRC will accept one of the following:	Details and conditions
IELTS Academic (taken within the last 2 years, copy of original certificate with TRF number to verify results online required)	At least 6.0 overall with no band less than 5.0 Nursing applicants: At least 7.0 overall, with no less than 7.5-Listening, 6.5-Reading, 7.0-Writing and 7.0-Speaking
TOEFL iBT (taken within the last 2 years, must be issued to GPRC directly from the testing office)	At least 83 total; minimum score of 20 points in each section Nursing applicants: at least 86 with a minimum score of 21 in Listening, Reading & Writing and minimum of 26 in Speaking.
O-level, AS-Level, A-Level, GCSE, IGCSE English Language or Literature course	A final grade of B or better (if alpha-grades are further defined by numerical grades, a minimum grade of B3)
Three or more years of full-time education in English (excluding EAL) in a country where English is the principal language. (Please contact international admissions for a list of ELP exempt countries)	Education must be equivalent to Alberta Grade 12 and can be a combination of secondary and postsecondary training.
Three years of full-time instruction in a school/institution in Canada in which the major language of instruction is English.	The level of English proficiency required for graduation must be equivalent to that in English language schools/institutions in Canada.
Successful completion of three years of full-time education in English at a recognized school/institution that uses English as the primary language of instruction. (Please contact international admissions for a list of recognized institutions)	The level of English proficiency required for graduation must be equivalent to that in English language schools/institutions in Canada.
One year of full-time study including 6 credits of transferable university-level English Language & Literature completed at a postsecondary institution where English is the language of instruction	Passing Grades
Graduation from a degree program offered by an accredited university at which English is the primary language of instruction.	The institution must be located in a country where English is the primary language.
Successful completion of an EAP (English for Academic Purposes) program from a recognized accredited post-secondary institution may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Must have been completed in the last 2 years.	Passed level required for admission to credit program by the institution.

NOT ACCEPTED: IELTS General, Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) assessments, CELPIP

*Meeting ELP requirements for admission to GPRC does not guarantee that a student meets the ELP requirements of other post-secondary institutions. Students are responsible for ensuring that they meet the ELP requirements for the institutions to which they intend to transfer.