

**International Students
Practical Nursing Program
Oral and Written English Proficiency**

**Kansas State Board of Nursing
K.A.R. 60-3-106. Licensure Qualifications**

- As part of the application process, each individual applying for licensure in Kansas who is a graduate of a foreign nursing school shall submit that individual's education and licensure credentials for evaluation to the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) or some other credentialing agency approved by the board.
- Any individual applying for licensure in Kansas who is a graduate of a foreign nursing school in which instruction was not in English may be granted a license if that individual meets all other requirements for licensure in effect at the time of application and shows proof of proficiency in English by passing any of the following:
 - The test of English as a foreign language and the test of spoken English; or
 - Similar examinations, as approved by the board.

Tests of English Language Proficiency:

- All applicants must show proficiency in oral and written English if their primary language was not English or if their nursing education was not in English.
- The Board has approved both the **TOEFL** (Test of English as a Foreign Language) exam and the **IELTS** (International English Language Testing System) exam. Both are internet-based exams but can also be explored as in-person exams at approved testing centers.

TOEFL Publications
P.O. Box 6154
Princeton, New Jersey 08541-6154
609-771-7100
toefl.org

IELTS
ielts.org
(Online and in-person tests can be booked
on this site.)

- Approved Minimum scores for the exams are as follows: (each area must meet the minimum requirement):

	TOEFL	IELTS
Reading	19	6.5
Writing	20	5.5
Listening	20	6.5
Speaking	20	6.5

- Request the results to be sent to the Kansas State Board of Nursing by using the code number 9149 in the results reporting list. Results will not be accepted if directly submitted by individuals/applicants.

HCC Policy

International students enrolled in an Intensive English Program must show a certificate of completion to be considered for transfer to HCC.

Document proficiency in English. A minimum score of 500 on the TOEFL paper-based test, 173 on the computer-based test, or 61 on the internet-based test is required of all international student applicants whose primary language is not English.

The results must be less than two years old at the expected date of enrollment at HCC. TOEFL scores must be submitted directly to HCC from ETS. If you have taken the test, you can request that your scores be sent to HCC by writing or calling EDUCATIONAL TESTING SERVICES, Princeton, New Jersey 08540, USA. HCC's TOEFL codes are: 6281 Department Code: 00. An applicant may have the TOEFL requirement waived if he or she has studied at a U.S. high school for at least one year, completed 12 credits or more at a U.S. college or university with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0, or have submitted an official transcript showing completion of an English course with a "C" or better, evaluated by the HCC Language, Literature and Communication Department, equivalent to HCC's EN098, Basic English, from an accredited U.S. college or university. The TOEFL requirement may also be waived if the applicant is from a country whose official/primary language is English as indicated on the CIA Factbook web page.

PN Program Policy

All applicants must score at least 237 on the Accuplacer Reading and Writing exams to be considered for admission to the program.