

**UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX**  
**UNDERGRADUATE ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS TO HEALTH-RELATED COURSES**

▪ **Overview of English language requirements:**

The English language requirements in this table apply to applicants to the following courses:

- BSc Nursing (Adult)
- BSc Nursing (Mental Health)
- MSc Nursing (Dual Award in Adult and Mental Health)
- BSc Occupational Therapy
- FdSc Oral Health Science
- BSc Physiotherapy
- BA Social Work
- BSc Speech and Language Therapy
- Certificate of Higher Education in Health and Social Care

The tables below show the English language qualifications and tests that are acceptable for entry to health-related courses at the University of Essex and the levels required. The levels are the minimum entry requirements for admission.

▪ **English qualifications or tests not listed in the table:**

If you are taking an English language qualification that is not specified below, please email [admit@essex.ac.uk](mailto:admit@essex.ac.uk) for advice on whether it is acceptable for entry.

▪ **Test dates/ shelf life**

- For all of the tests listed in this table except Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic and TOEFL, we can accept a test taken up to 5 years before the start of the course you are applying for at Essex.
- PTE Academic and TOEFL tests must be verifiable online by the University at the point that any offer is made. Verification is only available online within 3 years of the date of the test for PTE Academic and within 2 years of the date of the test for TOEFL.
- The conditions of your offer may include an English language requirement if your previous English language qualification was outside of the period specified above for the test you have taken. If you are unsure why your offer specifies an additional English language test, please email [admit@essex.ac.uk](mailto:admit@essex.ac.uk) and we will be happy to clarify this for you.

▪ **Combining scores from two tests:**

We can accept a combination of two tests of the same type (e.g., two IELTS tests) providing both the overall and all component scores are met across the two tests, and both were taken within the accepted shelf life for that test.

English Language test/qualification	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minimum Level required</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">See previous page for information about your test date and the shelf life of your test</p>				
	BSc Nursing (Adult and Mental Health)	BA Social Work BSc Occupational Therapy BSc Physiotherapy	BSc Speech and Language Therapy	FdSc Oral Health Science	Certificate of Higher Education in Health & Social Care
<b>IELTS (Academic)</b>	7.0 overall with a minimum of 6.5 in Writing and 7.0 in all other components	7.0 overall with a minimum of 6.5 in each component	8.0 overall with a minimum of 7.5 in each component	6.0 overall with a minimum of 5.5 in each component	<p>IELTS (Academic only): 5.0 overall with a minimum of 4.0 in each component</p> <p>Please note that IELTS tests must be a UKVI IELTS taken at an approved IELTS test centre on the UKVI's list, available <a href="#">here</a>, in order to be accepted for entry to below degree-level courses.</p> <p>Test must be taken within two years of the start of your course.</p>

<p><b>TOEFL (iBT)</b></p> <p><b>TOEFL iBT Online – Special Home Edition</b></p> <p><b>TOEFL – My Best Scores</b></p>	<p>100 overall with a minimum of 26 in all components</p>	<p>100 overall with a minimum of 26 in Writing and 25 in all other components</p>	<p>114 overall with a minimum of 29 in Writing and 27 in all other components</p>	<p>76 overall with a minimum of 18 in reading, 17 in listening, 20 in speaking and 17 in writing</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Pearson Test of English Academic</b></p> <p><b>We do not accept PTE Online</b></p>	<p>65 overall with a minimum of 58 in Writing and 65 in all other components</p>	<p>65 overall with a minimum of 58 in each component</p>	<p>79 overall with a minimum of 73 in each component</p>	<p>50 overall with a minimum of 42 in each component</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Occupational English Test (OET)</b></p>	<p>Grade B overall and a minimum of grade B in all components (writing, reading, speaking and listening)</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b><u>Cambridge English Qualifications</u></b></p> <p><b>C1 Advanced (Certificate in Advanced English)</b></p> <p>Or</p> <p><b>C2 Proficiency (Certificate of Proficiency in English)</b></p>	<p>185 overall on the Cambridge English Scale with a minimum of 176 in Writing and 185 in all other components</p>	<p>185 overall on the Cambridge English Scale with a minimum of 176 in each component</p>	<p>200 overall on the Cambridge English Scale with a minimum of 191 in each component</p>	<p>169 overall on the Cambridge English Scale with a minimum of 162 in each component</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>International Baccalaureate</b></p>	<p>Standard Level or Higher Level grade 4 in any of the below modules:</p> <p>English A: Language and Literature</p> <p>English A: Literature</p> <p>English B</p> <p>English Literature and Performance</p>				<p>N/A</p>

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<b>GCSE/ IGCSE/ Cambridge O-Level</b>  <b>English (as a first or second language)</b>	Grade C or 4	N/A
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