



# English Language Proficiency Requirements for Internationally Educated Nurses

## English Language

1. Applicants applying for registration as a licensed practical nurse in Manitoba who can produce evidence of one or more of the following criteria are deemed to have reasonable fluency in English:
  - a) Applicants whose first language is English;
  - b) Applicants who have been registered in another Canadian jurisdiction.
2. An applicant whose first language is not English shall provide evidence of fluency in English.
3. Applicant fluency scores will be considered current for two years from the date the test was taken. If the fluency score is not current at the point of issuing a certificate of registration, the applicant may be required to repeat the fluency requirement.
4. Applicants will be considered by successfully completing one of the following and attaining the benchmark scores as listed below:
  - a) Canadian English Language Benchmark Assessment for Nurses (CELBAN),
  - b) International English Language Testing System (IELTS),
  - c) Test d'évaluation de français (TEF).

Test	CELBAN	IELTS	TEF (Levels 0-6)
Writing	7	7.5 (SEM of 0.5)	4 (Upper intermediate) (SEM 30.5 out of a possible 450)
Speaking	8	7.5 (SEM of 0.5)	5 (Advanced) (SEM 25.44 out of a possible 450)
Listening	10	8 (SEM of 0.5)	5 (Advanced) (SEM 22-24 out of possible 360)
Reading	8	7(SEM of 0.5)	4 (Upper intermediate) (SEM 20-22 out of possible 300)
Vocabulary and grammar			4 (Upper intermediate) (SEM Not available)
Total	N/A	7.5	N/A

5. Applicants are required to have tests results sent directly to the CLPNM from the testing centre.
6. The English language proficiency requirement must be met prior to being eligible to obtain a graduate practical nurse registration and prior to writing the Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Examination.

Canadian English Language Benchmark Assessment for Nurses (CELBAN)  
([www.celban.org](http://www.celban.org))

International English Language Testing System (IELTS)  
([www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org))

Test d'évaluation de français (TEF)  
([www.languagecredentials.epsb.ca](http://www.languagecredentials.epsb.ca))