



English Language Proficiency Requirements

FOR UBC'S INTERNATIONALLY EDUCATED MIDWIVES BRIDGING PROGRAM

You must speak, listen, read, and write very well in English to be eligible to participate in the IEMBP.

Depending on your background, you can prove your fluency via:

1. An approved English language test, OR
2. Proof that you meet one of the criteria for exemption from English language testing (A, B, or C outlined below)

1. Approved English Language Tests and Required Scores:

IELTS Academic

Overall score requirement: 7.0

Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0

TOEFL iBT

Overall score requirement: 100

Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
25	25	25	25

Test scores must be less than 2 years old as of the submission of your IEMBP application.

If you do not achieve the required score, you are NOT eligible to enter the IEMBP. We recommend that you take an English language course to improve your proficiency before you apply.

2. Criteria for Exemption from English Language Testing

If you meet ONE of the following criteria, you do not have to take an English language test. However, you will have to submit proof (e.g. transcripts) that you meet the criteria.

Criteria A

Successfully completed a minimum of 10 years of primary and secondary school in Canada, including English language examinations AND have achieved a minimum score of 70% in non-ESL Grade 12.



OR

Criteria B

Lived in an approved country where English is the first language for four of the six years immediately prior to finalization of the IEMBP application AND have completed a midwifery education program, of at least 24 months duration, in a country where English is the first language, where the language of instruction and examination was in English and where a minimum of 80% of clinical experience, including patient interactions, took place in English.

OR

Criteria C

Lived in an approved country where English is the first language for four of the six years immediately prior to finalization of the IEMBP application AND have lived and studied in a country where English is the first language and studied in English-only schools for at least four years in a secondary and/or post-secondary institution. English is only considered as a first language when it is the language learned at home in childhood or it is the language the individual identifies as knowing best and being most comfortable with and it is the language primarily used for reading, writing, listening and speaking.

Countries considered to have English as the first language by the IEMBP:

American Samoa, Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Belize, Botswana, British Virgin Islands, Canada (including Quebec), Cayman Islands, Dominica, Falkland Islands, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Gibraltar, Grenada, Guam, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malta, Mauritius, Montserrat, New Zealand, Nigeria, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, St. Helena, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago, Tanzania, Turks & Caicos Islands, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States of America, US Virgin Islands, Zambia, Zimbabwe

NOTE: The IEMBP reserves the right to request additional proof of English language competency and/or to require you to attend an English course pre-requisite if they assess that your English fluency is not adequate for the IEMBP.