



Fact Sheet English Testing Requirements – February 2009

If you have received your nursing education in another country and/or English is not your first language, you will be required to demonstrate fluency in English prior to writing the Canadian Practical Nurses Registration Examination (CPNRE).

The areas which must be tested in any English language test are: listening, structure / writing, reading / comprehension, and spoken English. The following several options for testing are available to you.

1. (TOEFL) Test of English as a Foreign Language and (TSE) Test of Spoken English

- i) Computer-based test score: 213
and with TSE overall comprehensibility score: 50**
- ii) Paper-based test score: 550
and with TSE overall comprehensibility score: 50**
- iii) Internet-based test score: 80
and with Speaking score: 26**

To apply for TOEFL/TSE contact: TOEFL and TSE Services
Box 6155 / 6151
Princeton, New Jersey
USA 08541 – 6155
Telephone: 609-771-7100
Email: toefl@ets.org
Web: www.toefl.org

Have results sent directly to the College of LPNs of BC using code **9543**.

2. (IELTS) International English Language Testing System - (Academic Version)

Overall Band Score: **6.5** Spoken Band Score: **7**

To apply for IELTS testing contact: Sarah Fleming
IELTS Test Centre, Simon Fraser University
Burnaby BC V5A 1S6
Telephone: 778-782-5930 Fax: 778-782-7223
Web: www.sfu.ca/ielts
Email: ielts@sfu.ca

Have results sent directly to the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of BC.

3. **Complete a Provincial English 12 course (or higher) with a grade of “C” or better.**

Contact your local College, University or BC School Board for information on a Provincial English 12 course. English as a second language courses may not be accepted. Provide a course number and description to the CLPNBC assessor to confirm the course offered is acceptable.

When acceptable course is completed, have the school send a final official transcript directly to:

CLPNBC
260 – 3480 Gilmore Way
Burnaby, BC V5G 4Y1
Attn: Registration Assessor

4. **(CELBAN) Canadian English Language Benchmarks Assessment for Nurses**

This is a task based evaluation of four communications skills which aligns the scores to the Canadian Language Benchmarks in: speaking, listening, writing and reading.

You must meet the minimum scores of:

Speaking:	8
Listening:	9
Reading:	8
Writing:	7

For information on the CELBAN, contact:

Kwantlen University College
12666 – 72nd Avenue
Contact: Caitlin Stiles, Testing Coordinator
Ph (604)599-2368 or (604)599-2308
Email: Caitlin.stiles@kwantlen.ca

To apply to write the CELBAN, go to www.celban.org or send an email to celas@rrc.mb.ca or write to:

The CELAS Centre
CELBAN Administration
Suite 400 – 123 Main Street
Winnipeg Manitoba R3C 1A3

Your results must be sent directly from the testing centre to the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of BC.

Official scores must be less than TWO YEARS old from the date of passing the exams.

The English language proficiency requirement must be met prior to writing the Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Examination.