English Language Requirement for Pre-Nursing Students
(Differs from UT Arlington’s Policy)

Communication is an integral part of providing safe patient care; therefore, the English language requirement for students majoring in nursing is more stringent than what is required by UT Arlington. The College of Nursing and Health Innovation has identified clear communication in English, both verbally and in writing, in person or by phone, as an essential function for admission and progression in the BSN program.

Feel welcome to review the University Catalog, for additional information regarding the Essential Performance Standards for Admission and Progression.

Who is exempt from submitting English language requirement documentation?
In order to be exempt from English language requirement documentation a student must have:
- earned a high school diploma from a United States school; and/or
- earned a bachelor’s degree or higher earned from an accredited United States institution of higher education; and/or
- graduated from secondary schools or colleges in the following countries: Anguilla, Antigua, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Canada (except Quebec), Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Grand Cayman, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Liberia, Montserrat, New Zealand, Sierra Leone, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Trinidad/Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands, and United Kingdom.

If documentation is required, what is the deadline?
Documentation must be submitted to your academic advisor prior to being able to register for any College of Nursing and Health Innovation lower-division prerequisite courses at UT Arlington.

Options while waiting for documentation or TOEFL scores
1. UT Arlington:
   To be eligible to take courses at UT Arlington a student may elect another major other than nursing. Once required documentation is provided, the major can be changed back to nursing (AP BSN students are required to visit the UT Arlington campus to meet with an academic advisor in person); or
2. Outside UT Arlington:
   can complete lower-division prerequisite courses at an institution outside of UT Arlington.

If required to submit documentation, what is acceptable?
- A letter from your high school or Embassy - written on the high school or Embassy’s letterhead – confirming that “all curriculum was taught in English”. An original letter is required. Scans, faxes, or photocopies of the letter will not be accepted; or
- TOEFL exam scores (even if the student has met one of the stated UT Arlington exemptions); or
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam scores (even if the student has met one of the stated UT Arlington exemptions)
**What are the required TOEFL or IELTS exam scores?**

If submitting TOEFL or IELTS scores to fulfill the English language requirement, a minimum score, as defined by the University, must be earned. To view the score requirements, visit the UT Arlington Undergraduate Catalog.

**Documentation may be dropped off in person or mailed**

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**Additional assistance with English language skills**

For students needing assistance in meeting the English language requirement for the undergraduate nursing program, UT Arlington’s [English Language Institute](https://www.uta.edu/college-of-nursing-and-health-innovation/english-language-institute) offers information on resources and programs that can assist. Any cost for services and programs needed to meet the English language requirement will be at the student’s expense.