

English Proficiency

The profession of nursing requires excellent communications skills. CCCC and the Kansas State Board of Nursing have identified that students who speak a foreign language are considered to be at risk for successful completion of the nursing program and the NCLEX exam. The goal is to assist the student who speaks a foreign language achieve academic success in the nursing program at CCCC.

For students with English as a second language:

1. The nursing applicant makes known that English is not his/her primary language for written or oral communication.
2. All nursing applicants must show proficiency in oral and written English if their primary language is not English.
3. The student applicant is required to take the (TOEFL iBt) exam to validate proficiency of the English Language.
 - If the student applicant has successfully completed CM 101 English Composition I a TOEFL score is not required.
4. In order to be considered for admission into the nursing program, the student applicant must meet each of the following required TOEFL minimum scores:

Total score of 79

Reading section- 19

Listening section- 20

Speaking section- 20

Writing section- 20

In the event the student applicant does not meet the required minimum scores; the student should seek assistance at the Student Success Center (SSC). Upon successful completion of recommendations, the student may retake the TOEFL exam to validate proficiency.

Notes:

- The nursing department is unable to assist the student until a written verification is received stating the student is ready to proceed.
- The TOEFL scores listed above are the minimum requirements in order to take the NCLEX exam. [TOEFL Proficiency Standards](#).