

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Academic pre-requisites and graduation requirements for the health care aide program.

### 1. Academic English Language Arts (ELA)

- English 20-1 or 20-2 with a minimum score of 60% achieved or Canadian jurisdiction equivalent; **or**
- English 30-1 or 30-2 with a minimum of 55% or Canadian jurisdiction equivalent, such as a Canadian High School Equivalency Diploma (General Education Development-test (GED)); **or**
- Deemed equivalent by completion of Next-Generation ACCUPLACER (assessment placement test) reading and writing tests, with a minimum score of 237 in each category. The math test is not required.

**Note:** Students who have not met the ELA requirement (i.e., 20-1, 20-2, 30-1, or 30-2 English level) with the minimum grade are subject to completing the Next- Generation ACCUPLACER assessment test. This can include students out of province, out of country, or mature students that have been out of school for a significant length of time.

### 2. English Language Proficiency (ELP)

- Candidates where English is a Second Language (ESL) must meet the English Language Proficiency requirement in addition to the Academic English requirement. Equivalencies are as follows:
- By presenting a Canadian High School Equivalency Diploma (General Education Development-test (GED)), or
- By attending high school in Canada. Studies must have been in English at an approved Canadian high school (grades 9, 10, 11, 12) with at least three consecutive years of full-time academic study; or
- Providing evidence of attending two consecutive years of full-time equivalent post-secondary study in English in a subject other than a HCA program at a Canadian institution; or
- By completing an Approved ELP Test with the required Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB): A minimum CLB of 7 in each of the 4 language skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing) and not an average of 7.
- Official test results must be submitted directly to the PSI.
- PSIs will accept submissions from any one of the following approved ELP tests:

#### **Approved English Language Proficiency (ELP) Tests:**

1. *International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic: 6 (no section score below 5.5);*
2. *Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet Based Testing (TOEFL iBT): 71;*
3. *Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program (CELP) General: 7 (with no section score below 6);*
4. *Canadian Language Benchmarks Tests/Milestones Test (7 in each strand, not an average of 7);*
5. *Duolingo English Test (minimum score of 95);*

6. *Canadian English Language Benchmark Assessment for Nurses (CELBAN)*: 7 in each area of listening, reading, writing and speaking, not an average of 7.

**Note:**

*Test Currency: results must have been obtained within two years of the start date of the program. Test Validity: IELTS (Academic) and TOEFL results are valid for two years from the day of testing. Results that expire prior to the Start Date of the program will not be accepted.*

3. Digital literacy

Candidates must possess knowledge of computer/technology tools to be successful in the program.

Candidates must:

- Be able to communicate, research and understand information
- Know how to use computer to surf web, email
- Be able to critically evaluate and understand how technology can affect one's behavior
- Be able to create, produce content and effectively communicate using email, media, internet

4. Health and safety requirements: The following health and safety requirements must be met to proceed to clinical placement.

4.1 HSPNet consent form

4.2 Confidentiality

4.3 Police Information Check – no older than 3 months prior to the start date of the course

4.4 Immunizations as per site requirements – See HCAA site requirements

4.5 Yearly Influenza and Covid Immunization as per site requirement

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