

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

Definition

The term “International Student” is defined as a person for whom English is a second language and who has graduated from high school in a foreign country.

High School Equivalency

A high school equivalency assessment letter indicating foreign country education is equivalent to U.S. high school education is required as proof of high school equivalency. The evaluation and letter are available through the International Student offices at many colleges and universities. It may also be obtained from World Education Services (www.wes.org).

Oklahoma residents who are not on a Student Visa and have successfully completed 30 credit hours of 1000-level or higher coursework from an accredited U.S. college or university may apply for a high school diploma by equivalency from the State of Oklahoma. This is a free service subject to these requirements:

- Present birth certificate, if U.S. citizen
- Must be a resident of Oklahoma
- Provide proof of residency with a utility bill or an apartment lease/contract in your name
- Must submit official transcript in a sealed envelope from respective college or university
- Same day service is available, in person before 3:30 p.m.
- May be obtained by mail in approximately one week

For more information, contact:

Oliver Hodge Education Building – capitol complex
2500 N. Lincoln Blvd., Room 210
Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4599
405-521-3369

Students may also meet the high school equivalency requirement by passing the GED exam.

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

International students seeking admission into a full-time adult health career program must take and pass the TOEFL or meet the criteria for exception.

TOEFL testing (Metro Technology Centers does not administer the TOEFL examination.)

Applicants may register for the TOEFL examination with Educational Testing Services (ETS) online (<http://www.ets.org>) or by phone at 1-800-GO-TOEFL (1-800-468-6335). ETS will advise of testing locations in the local area and the cost of the exam.

If the applicant has completed the “Institutional TOEFL” at a college or university, this score is acceptable and meets the testing requirement.

TOEFL Scores

Provide proof of English proficiency by meeting one of the following:

-Score a **minimum of 500** on the paper-based International Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the Institutional TOEFL

-OR-

-Score a **minimum of 173** on the computer-based International TOEFL or **minimum of 61** on the TOEFL IBT (internet-based test)

TOEFL Exceptions

Submit an official transcript reflecting completion of a **minimum of 24 credit hours of 1000-level or higher college work from an accredited institution with a grade of “C” or higher, within the last five years**, from a college or university located in the United States.

Students who have graduated from a high school in one of the following countries may be accepted without English proficiency verification: Australia, Bahamas, British Isles, Canada (except Quebec), Guyana, Jamaica, Barbados, New Zealand, or South Africa.