



Intensive English Program
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List of Standardized Tests Approved for IEP Admission*

Test Type	Minimum Score Required
TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)	50 (IBT) 467 (PBT)
IELTS (International English Language Testing System)	5.5
PTE Academic (Pearson Test of English)	45

*Test scores must be less than one year old to be accepted. Please see the [Office of Undergraduate Admission's website](#) for the scores needed for conditional admission.

Alternative Option for IEP Admission

For English language study applicants who have not taken a standardized test within the last calendar year, the IEP offers an alternative English proficiency test option for \$40. This online test is designed for students interested in applying directly to the Intensive English Program*.

You will need a computer, high internet speed as well as a headset, microphone, and camera (webcam) to take this test. The IEP will provide you with the test link and additional information upon purchase [at this link](#).

**Please note that completion of this test does not guarantee admission to the IEP. You must obtain a minimum overall level of intermediate on your score report and meet all other admission requirements. Scores on this test are ONLY for admission to the IEP. They will NOT be used for admission decisions to any undergraduate or graduate programs at North Carolina State University.*

Where are you in the application process timeline?

The IEP online English proficiency test can be used in place of a standardized test a maximum of 3 months before the start of the summer semester and 6 months before the first day of the fall and spring semesters.

The test can be taken by interested applicants more than 6 months before the start of the semester they are applying for in order to see if the program will be a good fit, however, a TOEFL or IELTS will still have to be submitted with the application if you choose to take the IEP online English proficiency test more than 6 months in advance. Please look at the chart on the next page to determine where you are at in the process.

English proficiency changes over time and if it is not actively used it is lost. For that reason, in order to get an accurate assessment and to ensure that students have enough time to get their immigration documents, this policy has been implemented.

Length of time before start date	More than 6 months (fall and spring) More than 3 months (summer)	Less than 6 months (for fall and spring) Less than 3 months (summer)
How the IEP online English proficiency test can be used.	The test can be used to determine if program is good fit. A TOEFL/IELTS score is required to be submitted with your application.	The test can be accepted in place of a standardized test (TOEFL/IELTS).
Summer 2019 (Start date: May 13)	May 12, 2018 - February 12, 2019	February 13, 2019 - April 10, 2019
Fall 2019 (Start Date: Aug 12)	August 13, 2018 - February 11, 2019	February 12, 2019 - July 8, 2019