



College of Pharmacists
of British Columbia

INFORMATION ON BECOMING A PHARMACIST IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

English Language Proficiency Assessment

Applicants who have received a university degree from a Canadian or American program accredited by the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs or the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) will not be required to undergo English language proficiency testing.

All other applicants will be required to successfully complete one of the approved English language proficiency requirements listed below.

Test	Details		Minimum Score with SEM*
1. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)	Internet-based test (iBT)	Reading	-
		Listening	-
		Speaking	25
		Writing	22
		Total Score (All Components)	92
2. TOEFL	Computer-based test (CBT)	Test of Spoken English (TSE)	50
		Writing	21
		Total Score (All Components)	227
	Paper-based test (PBT)	No longer accepted	
3. Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB)	Composition – Part 1		79
	Listening – Part 2		-
	Grammar, Cloze, Vocabulary, Reading (GCVR) – Part 3		-
	Speaking test		3+
	Final Score (All Components)		82
4. International English Language Testing System (IELTS)	Academic format	Listening	6
		Reading	6
		Writing	5.5
		Speaking	5.5
		Overall Band Score (All Components)	6.5
5. Canadian Test of English for Scholars and Trainees (CanTEST)		Speaking	4.5
		Writing	4.5
		Reading	4.5
		Listening	4.5

*SEM – Standard Error of Measurement

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Additional information about the English language proficiency assessments can be found on the following sites:

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and Test of Spoken English (TSE)

<http://www.ets.org/toefl/>

Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB)

<http://www.cambridgemichigan.org/melab>

International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

<http://www.ielts.org/default.aspx>

The Canadian Test of English for Scholars and Trainees (CanTEST)

<http://www.cantest.uottawa.ca/>