



VCC ENGLISH ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS for INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

English is the primary language of instruction at VCC. All applicants are required to demonstrate the appropriate level of English language proficiency to function successfully in an English-speaking classroom. English admissions requirements vary by program. Refer to the chart below to find out what English equivalencies are accepted by each program.

Other [External tests](#) such as NG Accuplacer, [LET](#), CAEL and Cambridge Assessment are also accepted. English test scores are valid for 2 years. The test scores must be valid at the time a complete application is received at VCC.

Program	TOEFL iBT/Home Edition	IELTS Academic/Academic Online	Duolingo English Test ¹	PTE Academic/PTE Academic Online ²	High School English ³ (English-speaking Countries)	University English ⁴ (English-speaking Countries)	VCC EAL Accuplacer + Speaking Assessment	BC EAL Level	ILAC University Pathway	ILSC University Pathway
Accounting Diploma	Overall 80	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	115	56	English 12 (C+)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (64%)	Listening 86, Speaking 8, Reading 102, WritePlacer EAL 5	Level IV (all levels)	PW 3.3	A2
Administrative Professional Certificate	Overall 80	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	115	56	English 12 (C-) or Communications 12 (B)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (Pass)	Listening 86, Speaking 8, Reading 102, WritePlacer EAL 5	Level IV (all levels)	PW 3.2	A2
Artisan Baking Certificate	Overall 68	Overall 5.5 (no band less than 5.0)	95	43	English 10	Three credits of Undergraduate English (Pass)	Listening 71, Speaking 6, Reading 87, WritePlacer EAL 3	Level III (all levels)	PW 2.2	I3
Asian Culinary Certificate	Entrance Interview with Department Head									
Associate of Science (Computer Science Pathway)	Overall 80	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	115	56	English 12 (C+)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (64%)	Listening 86, Speaking 8, Reading 102, WritePlacer EAL 5	Level IV (all levels)	PW 3.3	A2

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Automotive Collision & Refinishing Diploma	Overall 60	Overall 5.0 (no band less than 4.5)	95	43	English 10	Three credits of Undergraduate English (Pass)	Listening 71, Speaking 6, Reading 87, WritePlacer EAL 3	Level III (all levels)	PW 2.2	I3
Automotive Parts and Service Technology Diploma	Overall 80	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	115	56	English 12 (C-)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	Listening 86, Speaking 8, Reading 102, WritePlacer EAL 5	Level IV (all levels)	PW 3.2	A2
Automotive Service Technology Diploma	Overall 70	Overall 6.0 (no band less than 5.5)	105	50	English 11	Three credits of Undergraduate English (Pass)	Listening 78, Speaking 7, Reading 95, WritePlacer EAL 4	Level III (all levels)	PW 3.1	A1
Bachelor of Applied Music	Overall 80	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	115	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	PW 3.3 (not eligible for conditional admission)	A2 (not eligible for conditional admission)
Bachelor of Hospitality Management	Overall 80	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	115	56	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	PW 3.3	A2
Baking and Pastry Arts Dual Certificates	Overall 68	Overall 5.5 (no band less than 5.0)	95	43	English 10	Three credits of Undergraduate English (Pass)	Listening 71, Speaking 6, Reading 87, WritePlacer EAL 3	Level III (all levels)	PW 2.2	I3

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Business and Project Management Post-Degree Diploma	Overall 84 Listening 21 Speaking 21 Reading 21 Writing 21	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	115	56	English 12 (C)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (55%)	Listening 86, Speaking 8, Reading 102, WritePlacer EAL 5	N/A	PW 3.3	A2
Business Management Post-Degree Diploma	Overall 80	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	115	56	English 12 (C)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (55%)	Listening 86, Speaking 8, Reading 102, WritePlacer EAL 5	N/A	PW 3.3	A2
CAD & BIM Technician Diploma	Overall 80	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	115	56	English 12	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	Listening 86, Speaking 8, Reading 102, WritePlacer EAL 5	Level IV (all levels)	PW 3.2	A2
Computer Systems Technology Diploma	Overall 80	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	115	56	English 12 (C)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (55%)	Listening 86, Speaking 8, Reading 102, WritePlacer EAL 5	Level IV (all levels)	PW 3.2	A2
Cosmetology Diploma	Overall 68	Overall 5.5 (no band less than 5.0)	95	43	English 10	Three credits of Undergraduate English (Pass)	Listening 71, Speaking 6, Reading 87, WritePlacer EAL 3	Level III (all levels)	PW 2.2	I3
Culinary Arts Diploma	Overall 68	Overall 5.5 (no band less than 5.0)	95	43	English 10	Three credits of Undergraduate English (Pass)	Listening 71, Speaking 6, Reading 87, WritePlacer EAL 3	Level III (all levels)	PW 2.2	I3

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Dance Diploma	Overall 50	Overall 5.5 (no band less than 5.0)	95	43	English 10	Three credits of Undergraduate English (Pass)	Listening 71, Speaking 6, Reading 87, WritePlacer EAL 3	Level III (all levels)	PW 2.2 (not eligible for conditional admission)	I3 (not eligible for conditional admission)
Dental Technology Sciences Diploma	Overall 80	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	115	56	English 12 (C+)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (64%)	Listening 86, Speaking 8, Reading 102, WritePlacer EAL 5	Level IV (all levels)	PW 3.3 (not eligible for conditional admission)	A2 (not eligible for conditional admission)
Early Childhood Care and Education Diploma	Overall 80	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	115	56	English 12 (C)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (55%)	Listening 86, Speaking 8, Reading 102, WritePlacer EAL 5	Level IV (all levels)	PW 3.3 (not eligible for conditional admission)	A2 (not eligible for conditional admission)
Electronics Repair Technology Diploma	Overall 70	Overall 6.0 (no band less than 5.5)	105	50	English 11 (C-)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (Pass)	Listening 78, Speaking 7, Reading 95, WritePlacer EAL 4	Level III (all levels)	PW 3.1	A1
Esthetics and Spa Therapy Certificate	Overall 68	Overall 5.5 (no band less than 5.0)	95	43	English 10	Three credits of Undergraduate English (Pass)	Listening 71, Speaking 6, Reading 87, WritePlacer EAL 3	Level III (all levels)	PW 2.2	I3
Fashion Design & Production Diploma	Overall 80	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	115	56	English 12 (C)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (55%)	Listening 86, Speaking 8, Reading 102, WritePlacer EAL 5	Level IV (all levels)	PW 3.2 (not eligible for conditional admission)	A2 (not eligible for conditional admission)
Graphic Design Diploma	Overall 80	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	115	56	English 12 (C)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (55%)	Listening 86, Speaking 8, Reading 102, WritePlacer EAL 5	Level IV (all levels)	PW 3.2 (not eligible for conditional admission)	A2 (not eligible for conditional admission)

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Hairstylist Certificate	Overall 50	Overall 5.5 (no band less than 5.0)	95	43	English 10	Three credits of Undergraduate English (Pass)	Listening 71, Speaking 6, Reading 87, WritePlacer EAL 3	Level III (all levels)	PW 2.2	I3
Health Care Assistant Diploma	VCC adheres to the English Language Competency Requirements set by the BC Care Aide & Community Health Worker Registry .									
Heavy Mechanical Technology Diploma	Overall 60	Overall 5.0 (no band less than 4.5)	95	43	English 10	Three credits of Undergraduate English (Pass)	Listening 71, Speaking 6, Reading 87, WritePlacer EAL 3	Level III (all levels)	PW 2.2	I3
Hospitality Management Diploma	Overall 80	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	115	56	English 12 (C-)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	Listening 86, Speaking 8, Reading 102, WritePlacer EAL 5	Level IV (all levels)	PW 3.2	A2
Hospitality Management Post-Degree Diploma	Overall 80	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	115	56	English 12 (C+)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (64%)	Listening 86, Speaking 8, Reading 102, WritePlacer EAL 5	Level IV (all levels)	PW 3.3	A2
Jewellery Art and Design Diploma	Overall 80	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	115	56	English 12	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	Listening 86, Speaking 8, Reading 102, WritePlacer EAL 5	Level IV (all levels)	PW 3.2 (not eligible for conditional admission)	A2 (not eligible for conditional admission)
Legal Administrative Assistant Certificate	Overall 80	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	115	56	English 12 (C)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (55%)	Listening 86, Speaking 8, Reading 102, WritePlacer EAL 5	Level IV (all levels)	PW 3.2	A2

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Marketing Technology Diploma	Overall 80	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	115	56	English 12 (C+)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (64%)	Listening 86, Speaking 8, Reading 102, WritePlacer EAL 5	Level IV (all levels)	PW 3.3	A2
Medical Office Assistant Certificate	Overall 80	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	115	56	English 12 (C+)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (64%)	Listening 86, Speaking 8, Reading 102, WritePlacer EAL 5	Level IV (all levels)	PW 3.2	A2
Music Diploma	Overall 80	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	115	56	English 12 or Communications 12 (Pass)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (Pass)	Listening 86, Speaking 8, Reading 102, WritePlacer EAL 5	N/A	PW 3.3 (not eligible for conditional admission)	A2 (not eligible for conditional admission)
Network Technology Administration and Security Post-Degree Diploma	Overall 80	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	115	56	English 12 (C)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (55%)	Listening 86, Speaking 8, Reading 102, WritePlacer EAL 5	N/A	PW 3.3	A2
Occupational/Physical Therapy Assistant Diploma	Overall 90	Overall 6.5 Listening 6.0 Speaking 6.5 Reading 6.0 Writing 6.5	120	61	English 12 (B)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (64%)	Listening 93, Speaking 8, Reading 109, WritePlacer EAL 6	N/A	N/A	N/A
Optician Diploma	Overall 80	Overall 6.0 (no band less than 6.0)	115	56	English 12 (C-)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	Listening 86, Speaking 8, Reading 102, WritePlacer EAL 5	Level IV (all levels)	PW 3.3	A2

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Pastry Certificate	Overall 68	Overall 5.5 (no band less than 5.0)	95	43	English 10	Three credits of Undergraduate English (Pass)	Listening 71, Speaking 6, Reading 87, WritePlacer EAL 3	Level III (all levels)	PW 2.2	I3

Assessments and Tests

[External tests](#) such as CAEL, Cambridge Assessment, Duolingo English Test, IELTS Academic/IELTS Academic Online, [LET](#), PTE Academic/PTE Academic Online and TOEFL iBT/IELTS iBT Home Edition are accepted, in addition to [VCC EAL \(ESL\) Accuplacer + VCC EAL \(ESL\) Speaking Assessment](#). English test scores are valid for 2 years. The test scores must be valid at the time a complete application is received at VCC.

¹Duolingo English Test

Students must [request the Duolingo results](#) to be sent directly to **VCC - International Student Admission** and inform study@vcc.ca once it is requested. Results are typically released to VCC within 48 hours of the request.

²PTE Academic/PTE Academic Online (Pearson Test of English)

[Request the PTE Academic/PTE Academic Online results](#) to be sent directly to **Vancouver Community College** and email study@vcc.ca either your 'Score Report Code' or 'Registration ID' once it is requested.

BC EAL Articulation

Students may meet VCC's English language requirements by completing VCC English courses, or equivalent according to the [BC Transfer Guide](#).

Pathway certificates

[ILAC](#) and [ILSC](#) Pathway Certificates are valid for 2 years, and must be valid on the requested VCC program start dates.

English-speaking countries

American Samoa, Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Botswana, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Falkland Islands, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Gibraltar, Grenada, Guam, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malta, Mauritius, Montserrat, New Zealand, Nigeria, Saint Helena, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States, United States Virgin Islands, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Meeting English requirements with High School or University English Course Grades

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Winter 2024 and Spring/Summer 2024 Intakes

Students who have completed three (3) years* of full-time, face-to-face secondary or post-secondary education in an English-speaking country where English is the primary language of instruction may meet VCC's English language requirements by completing a high school or university English course with specific grades according to the program-specific English requirements stated in the above chart. Refer to the list of English-speaking countries above.

¹High School English

The required high school English grades may vary by program. Refer to the above chart for program-specific requirements. English as a Second Language (ESL) and transfer (TS) courses from non-English speaking countries are not considered in the three-year calculation. English as an Additional Language (EAL/ESL) courses are not considered in the three-year calculation.

²University English

Students who have completed an undergraduate English of three (3) credits in an English-speaking country may meet VCC's English language requirements. The required grades vary by program. Refer to the above chart for program-specific university English requirements.

Canadian degree

Students who have been awarded a degree from an accredited Canadian post-secondary institution where English is the language of instruction may meet the language proficiency requirements for VCC programs. University degrees with at least 3-years of face-to-face non-ESL instruction, obtained from an English-speaking country where English is the language of instruction, may be accepted as an equivalency.

International or B.C. offshore school

Students from institutions accredited by the [Council of International Schools](#) (CIS) and [B.C. Certified Offshore Schools](#) may meet VCC's English language requirements if they have completed three years* of full-time, face-to-face secondary education where English was the primary language of instruction and have an equivalent academic English course with the respective grade required by the program. Please contact study@vcc.ca for more information.

Intakes after and including Fall 2024

Students may meet VCC's English language requirements by completing a high school or university English course from an English-speaking country where English is the primary language of instruction, with specific grades according to the program-specific English requirements stated in the above chart. Refer to the above list of English-speaking countries.

¹High School English

The required high school English grades may vary by program. Refer to the above chart for program-specific requirements. English as a Second Language (ESL) and transfer (TS) courses from non-English speaking countries are not considered in the three-year calculation.



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²University English

Students who have completed an undergraduate English of three (3) credits in an English-speaking country may meet VCC's English language requirements. The required grades vary by program. Refer to the above chart for program-specific university English requirements.

Canadian degree

Students who have been awarded a degree from an accredited Canadian post-secondary institution where English is the language of instruction may meet the language proficiency requirements for VCC programs. University degrees obtained from an English-speaking country where English is the language of instruction may be accepted as an equivalency.

International or B.C. offshore school

Students from institutions accredited by the [Council of International Schools](#) (CIS) and [B.C. Certified Offshore Schools](#) may meet VCC's English language requirements if English was the primary language of instruction and if students have an equivalent academic English course with the respective grade required by the program.

Other Equivalencies

Other equivalencies may also be accepted on a case-by-case basis. Submit a [complete application](#) to confirm if English entrance requirements are met.

Important Notes

The admission requirements and the English language proficiency equivalencies accepted may be subject to change. Refer to [VCC's website](#) for the most updated information.

All applicants using external credentials (e.g., degrees, credits, or test scores) to meet VCC's English language requirements must provide proof upon application.