

### 8.2.2 ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY TESTING FOR B.N. AND B.Sc.P.N. PROGRAMS

The language of Instruction at the Faculty of Health Studies is English. A high level of understanding and functionality in English is essential for safe client care in the Nursing and Psychiatric Nursing programs. English is only considered to be your first language if:

It is the language you primarily use for reading, writing, listening, and speaking **and**

- a) it is the language you first learned and understood in childhood **or**
- b) it is the language you know best and are most comfortable with.

Applicants whose first language is not English must present proficiency in English by providing evidence of achieving acceptable scores on the language test accepted by the Faculty of Health Studies. The following language test and minimum score requirements in same will serve as evidence of English proficiency.

**IELTS:** the International English Language Testing System (Academic Version only) with minimum scores in the following:

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| a) Writing            | 6.5 or greater |
| b) Speaking           | 7.0 or greater |
| c) Listening          | 7.0 or greater |
| d) Reading            | 6.5 or greater |
| e) Overall Band Score | 7.0 or greater |

Students applying to Year 2 of the B.N. or B.Sc.P.N. program must arrange for the Faculty of Health Studies to receive a copy of the official results of the examination directly from the testing company by the May 1<sup>st</sup> application deadline. Language fluency test results are valid for two years from the date of the test. If there is sufficient reason to believe, through communication with the applicant, that their first language is not English, the Dean of the Faculty of Health Studies reserves the right to require language testing. In this instance, the student will meet with the Dean and the Student Advisor for an interview before a final decision is made regarding completion of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).