
FACULTY OF HEALTH STUDIES

Subject: English Language Proficiency Requirement **Date:** November 21, 2012

Department: Nursing **Revised:** April 30, 2014
Psychiatric Nursing

Program: Bachelor of Nursing **Reviewed:** January 30, 2023
Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing

POLICY:

The language of instruction at the Faculty of Health Studies, Brandon University 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:

International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic Version only:

Writing: 6.5 or greater
Speaking: 7.0 or greater
Listening: 7.0 or greater
Reading: 6.5 or greater
Overall Bank Score: 7.0 or greater

Students applying to Year 2 of the Bachelor of Nursing or Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing 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 1st 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 his/her 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).