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LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY POLICY

1. Preamble

To be successful in post-secondary education program, a student must possess adequate language proficiency in the language in which the instruction is taking place. All courses at Hanson International Academy (hereafter 'Hanson') are delivered in English. Hanson International Academy recognizes that international students from non-English speaking countries will not have English language skills equivalent to those of native English speakers. The following outlines, guidelines, and procedures are in place to ensure that all students enrolled in Cambrian College programs at Hanson International Academy have sufficient English language skills to achieve academic success at the post-secondary level.

2. Policy

- 2.1. An international student from a non-English speaking country applying to Hanson must successfully complete the English Placement Test prior to day ten (10) of his/her first semester of study.
- 2.2. All offers of admission to Hanson International Academy are conditional prior to the successful completion of the English Placement Test.
- 2.3. A student holding a conditional offer of admission who meet the language proficiency requirements will be admitted directly to their chosen program of study.
- 2.4. It is the responsibility of the student to book a time to take the English Placement Test prior to day ten (10) of his/her first semester of study, and to attend that appointment or complete the test on-line.

3. English Language Proficiency

- 3.1. To be successful on the English Placement Test, a student must demonstrate that he/she has an English language proficiency equivalent to Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) Level 6.
- 3.2. English language proficiency can be demonstrated through:
 - Obtaining a grade of 60% or higher on the CanTEST; or
 - Obtaining a grade of 50-59% on the CanTEST and co-enrolling in the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Part-Time program.
 - Successful completion of EAP 1002 is obtained with a final mark of 80% or higher.
 - Students who have not met this final mark must retake the course at their own expense.
 - Obtaining a grade of 49% or below would allow students to enroll in EAP Full-Time program.
 - Students who have successfully completed (passing mark of 80% or above) in the EAP Full-Time program, are able to enroll into a Hanson International college program in a subsequent semester.



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3.3. Exemptions to completing the English Proficiency Test

- 3.3.1. Exemptions may be granted to students who have successfully completed (passing mark of 50% or above) EN 12 or TPC 12 (or a provincial equivalent) in a recognized Canadian Secondary School.
- 3.3.2. Exemptions may be granted to students who have successfully completed (passing mark of 50% or above in all courses) a semester in a recognized Canadian post-secondary institution.

3.4. Qualifications for Exemption from the English Placement Test:

EXAM OR COURSE	MINIMUM MARK FOR COLLEGE PROGRAM	MINIMUM MARK FOR GRAD CERTIFICATE	NOTES
IELTS	6.0 (no band below 5.5)	6.5 (no band below 6.0)	
TOEFL (paper)	550	570	
TOEFL (computer)	80	84	
PTE	58	61	
English 12 / ENG4U	C- (or passing grade)	C- (or passing grade)	From school in Canada
IB English 12	C- (or passing grade)	C- (or passing grade)	From English-speaking school
One full post-secondary semester	Passing grades in all courses	Passing grades in all courses	Full time school in Canada CAAT college or University

- 3.4.1. Exemptions may be granted to students who have successfully completed (passing mark of 80% or above) in the Hanson International EAP Full-Time program.

3.5. Subsequent English Placement Tests

- 3.5.1. A student is permitted to take the English Placement Test more than once (with a maximum of two (2) attempts) at the discretion of the Director, High School and ESL or designate.
- 3.5.2. The time required between attempts at the English Placement Test is also at the discretion of the Director, High School and ESL or designate.

- 3.6. **Director, High School and ESL or designate:** it is the responsibility of the Director, High School and ESL or designate to oversee the administration of the English Placement Test, as well as its integrity, grading, and the communication of the results to Student Services Officers responsible for the admission process and Academic Administrators responsible for the enrolment process.

- 3.7. **Test results** will be available to the student a maximum of five (5) business days after writing the English Placement Test.

- 3.8. The Student Services Officer is responsible for maintaining the English Placement Test Results Letter or proof of exemption (accompanied by Exemption Letter) in the student file.