

English Language Proficiency Policy

- Saskatchewan PN Student/Graduate Applicants
- Out of Province Applicants
- Canadian Degree or Diploma Nurses

1. Purpose

The objective of this policy is to provide potential or new applicants with information on the SALPN's minimum English language requirements set by the Council.

2. Policy

The SALPN requires that applicants meet the minimum threshold for English language proficiency, per the Regulatory Bylaws. Applicants who completed their nursing education in Saskatchewan or are out of province applicants whose first-learned language is not English must demonstrate English proficiency.

The SALPN defines first-learned language as the one used at home as a child for reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

3. Authority

The Licensed Practical Nurses Act, 2000
SALPN Regulatory Bylaws

4. Procedure

When proof of English language proficiency is required, Saskatchewan graduates or out of province applicants may submit one of the following:

1. Evidence of completing four (4) years of full-time study in English in Canada. Two of the four required years may be the time spent in a Canadian practical nursing education program.
2. International English Language Testing System (IELTS) results. Accepted IELTS scores are:

Writing	7.5
Speaking	7.5
Listening	8.0
Reading	7.0
Overall Score Accepted	7.5

* IELTS has a Standard Error of Measurement (SEM) of 0.5

3. Canadian English Language Benchmark Assessment for Nurses (CELBAN).
Accepted CELBAN scores are:

Speaking	8
Listening	10
Reading	8
Writing	7

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The SALPN is mandated through the Licensed Practical Nurses Act 2000 to regulate the profession of Practical Nursing according to its Bylaws, Standards of Practice, and Policies in a manner that protects the public from risk and reduce harm to those a profession serves.