

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

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BACKGROUND

Effective communication is essential to delivering high quality care to clients and to communicate with colleagues. It is recognized in Nova Scotia that all MIRTP work sites communicate predominantly in English. As the predominant language of use in the province the NSCMIRTP requires applicants to demonstrate proficiency in English.

POLICY

All applicants must demonstrate proficiency in English by presenting proof of one of the following;

1. Evidence from the educational institution at which the applicant completed their professional training that the language of instruction and assessment for the program in medical imaging or radiation therapy was in English or;
2. Evidence from past MIRTP employer that the applicant successfully worked in an environment that was predominantly English or;
3. Valid evidence that the applicant has passed one of the following:
 - a. the internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOFEL iBT®) with a minimum total score of 73, and a minimum score of 21 in speaking;
 - b. the paper-based TOEFL with a minimum score of 500, and Test of Spoken English. (TSE), with a minimum score of 40;
 - c. the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test – academic (AC) with a minimum overall score of 6 and a minimum score of 6 in speaking;
 - d. the IELTS test – general training (GT) with a minimum overall score of 6 and a minimum score of 6 in speaking;
 - e. the Michener English Language Assessment (MELA) test with a minimum score of 8 in each of reading, listening and speaking and a minimum score of 7 in writing.