

## Specific entry requirements for students applying for the Diploma of Nursing course

There are specific entry requirements to enrol into the Diploma of Nursing qualification.

HERC are required to gather evidence of the applicant's ability to demonstrate suitable levels of English proficiency. This is to satisfy the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) English language skills registration standard which is required for eligibility to commence in the program of study.

Further information on required evidence is found on the NMBA website:

<https://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards/English-language-skills.aspx>

### Applicant English Language Skills Entry Requirements

Applicants wishing to enrol into the Diploma of Nursing at ANMEC/HERC must be able to demonstrate English Language Competency prior to entry to the program of study. This is to comply with registration requirements with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency and the Nursing & Midwifery Board of Australia.

There are 2 entry pathways to choose from for demonstration of the registration standards for Enrolled Nursing, that are required for enrolment into our course.

You will be required to provide evidence and details in relation to the selections below and evidence of any primary, secondary education, as well as sit and pass a Language Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) entrance test at ANMEC/HERC.

#### 1. Primary language pathway

English is your primary language and you have undertaken and satisfactorily completed, at least six years of primary and secondary education taught and assessed solely in English, (see list of recognised countries below) including at least two years between years 7 and 12.

Australia

New Zealand

United Kingdom

Republic of Ireland

Canada

South Africa

United States of America

## 2. English language test pathway

You have achieved the required minimum scores in one of the approved English language tests and meet the requirements for test results specified in the NMBA's English language skills registration standard.

Explanation of test options and requirements:

### IELTS

The **IELTS** (academic module) with a minimum overall **score of 7** and a minimum score of 7 in each of the four components (listening, reading, writing & speaking)

NOTE - We will only accept test results:

- i. from one test sitting, **or**
- ii. a maximum of two test sittings in a six-month period only if:
  - you achieve a minimum overall score of 7 in each sitting, and
  - you achieve a minimum score of 7 in each component across the two sittings, and
  - no score in any component of the test is below 6.5

### OET

**OET** (Occupational English Test) with a minimum **score of B** in each of the four components (listening, reading, writing and speaking)

NOTE - We will only accept test results:

- i. from one test sitting, **or**
- ii. a maximum of two test sittings in a six-month period only if:
  - you are tested in all four components in each sitting, and
  - you achieve a minimum score of B in each component across the two sittings, and
  - no score in any component of the test is below C.

### PTE

**PTE** (Pearson Test of English) with a minimum overall **score of 65** in each of the four communicative skills (listening, reading, writing and speaking)

NOTE - We will only accept test results:

- i. from one test sitting, **or**
- ii. a maximum of two test sittings in a six-month period only if:
  - a minimum overall score of 65 is achieved in each sitting, and
  - you achieve a minimum score of 65 in each of the communicative skills across the two sittings, and
  - no score in any of the communicative skills is below 58

## **TOEFL iBT**

**TOEFL iBT** (Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet based test) with a minimum total **score of 94** in each section of the test. (24 for listening, 24 for reading, 27 for writing, and, 23 for speaking)

NOTE - We will only accept test results:

- i. from one test sitting, **or**
- ii. a maximum of two test sittings in a six-month period only if:
  - a minimum total score of 94 is achieved in each sitting, and you achieve a minimum score of 24 for listening, 24 for reading, 27 for writing and 23 for speaking across the two sittings, and
  - no score in any of the sections is below:
    - 20 for listening
    - 19 for reading
    - 24 for writing, and
    - 20 for speaking

To be eligible for enrolment into the Diploma of Nursing program, the evidence provided must be achieved in 1 sitting, **or** a maximum of 2 test sittings in a six-month period, achieving the minimum scores as named.

See the link below or type into a browser NMBA English Language Registration Standards, for more details.

<https://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards/English-language-skills.aspx>

## **What to provide to HERC for Enrolment?**

On application you must view the information supplied on the HERC website and make the determination of which pathway is applicable to your situation. You can select which pathway suits your situation and supply the relevant documentation as evidence to support your application for entry into the course.

More information about the English language requirements for potential applicants into the Diploma of Nursing program can be found at the websites of:

- Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA),
- Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA),
- Australian Nursing Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC),

<https://www.ahpra.gov.au/Education/Approved-Programs-of-Study/Programs-of-Study-Terms.aspx>

<https://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Accreditation/Approved-programs-ofstudy.aspx>

<https://www.anmac.org.au/program-accreditation/overview>

## Resources to assist applicants with gathering evidence

- For applicants who went to Public Schools in Tasmania see: TAS Department of Education, <https://www.education.tas.gov.au/students/>
- For applicants who went to Catholic Primary or Secondary Schools in Tasmania see: Catholic Education Tasmania <https://catholic.tas.edu.au/contact-us>
- For applicants who went to Independent Schools in Tasmania see: Independent Schools Tasmania, <https://www.independentschools.tas.edu.au/>
- For applicants who wish to gain a copy of a transcript of completed study in Vocational Education & Training, or if you no longer have transcripts, please contact the RTO you studied at first for a copy.

Alternatively you may contact Australian Skills Quality Authority here:  
<https://www.asqa.gov.au/students/applying-copy-studentrecords> ; **or**

Unique Student Identifier Transcript Service here: <https://usi.gov.au/students/training-records-and-transcript>