



VCC ENGLISH ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS for INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

English is the primary language of instruction at VCC. All applicants are required to demonstrate the appropriate level of English language proficiency to function successfully in an English-speaking classroom. English admissions requirements vary by program. Refer to the chart below to find out what English equivalencies are accepted by each program.

[External tests](#) such as CAEL and Cambridge Assessment are also accepted. Other equivalencies may also be accepted on a case-by-case basis. Submit a [complete application](#) to confirm if English entrance requirements are met.

Program	TOEFL IBT	IELTS Academic	VCC English Language Assessment (ELA)	Canadian Language Benchmark Placement Test (CLBPT)	High School English* (English-speaking Countries)	University English** (English-speaking Countries)	VCC EAP Levels	ILAC Levels	ILSC Levels
Accounting Diploma	Overall 80 Listening 20 Speaking 20 Reading 20 Writing 20	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	Listening 25/30 Speaking 27/30 Reading 50/70 Essay 16/20	N/A	English 12 (C+)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (60%)	Level IV	PW 3.3	A2
Administrative Professional Certificate	Overall 80 Listening 20 Speaking 20 Reading 20 Writing 20	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	N/A	Listening 7 Speaking 7 Reading 7 Writing 7	English 12 (C-) or Communications 12 (B)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	Level IV	PW 3.2	A2
Artisan Baking Certificate	Overall 68	Overall 5.5 (no band less than 5.0)	N/A	Listening 7 Speaking 7 Reading 7 Writing 6	English 10	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	Level III	PW 2.2	I3
Asian Culinary Certificate	Entrance Interview with Department Head							N/A	N/A
Automotive Collision & Refinishing Diploma	Overall 60	Overall 5.0 (no band less than 4.5)	N/A	Listening 6 Speaking 6 Reading 6 Writing 4	English 10	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	Level III	PW 2.2	I3



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Automotive Service Technology Diploma	Overall 70 Listening 16 Speaking 18 Reading 18 Writing 18	Overall 6.0 (no band less than 5.5)	Listening 24/30 Speaking 26/30 Reading 45/70 Essay 14/20	N/A	English 11	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	Level III	PW 3.1	A1
Bachelor of Applied Music	Overall 80 Listening 20 Speaking 20 Reading 20 Writing 20	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	Listening 25/30 Speaking 27/30 Reading 50/70 Essay 16/20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	PW 3.3 (not eligible for conditional admission)	A2 (not eligible for conditional admission)
Bachelor of Hospitality Management	Overall 80 Listening 20 Speaking 20 Reading 20 Writing 20	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	Listening 25/30 Speaking 27/30 Reading 50/70 Essay 16/20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	PW 3.3	A2
Baking and Pastry Arts Dual Certificates	Overall 68	Overall 5.5 (no band less than 5.0)	N/A	Listening 7 Speaking 7 Reading 7 Writing 6	English 10	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	Level III	PW 2.2	I3
Business & Project Management Post-Degree Diploma	Overall 84 Listening 21 Speaking 21 Reading 21 Writing 21	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	Listening 25/30 Speaking 27/30 Reading 50/70 Essay 16/20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	PW 3.3	A2



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CAD & BIM Technician Diploma	Overall 80 Listening 20 Speaking 20 Reading 20 Writing 20	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	N/A	Listening 8 Speaking 7 Reading 8 Writing 7	English 12	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	Level IV	PW 3.2	A2
Canadian Business Management Post-Degree Diploma	Overall 84 Listening 21 Speaking 21 Reading 21 Writing 21	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	Listening 25/30 Speaking 27/30 Reading 50/70 Essay 16/20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	PW 3.3	A2
Computer Systems Technology Diploma	Overall 80 Listening 20 Speaking 20 Reading 20 Writing 20	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	Listening 25/30 Speaking 27/30 Reading 50/70 Essay 16/20	N/A	English 12 (C)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (55%)	Level IV	PW 3.2	A2
Cosmetology Diploma	Overall 68	Overall 5.5 (no band less than 5.0)	N/A	Listening 7 Speaking 6 Reading 6 Writing 4	English 10	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	Level III	PW 2.2	I3
Culinary Arts Diploma	Overall 68	Overall 5.5 (no band less than 5.0)	N/A	Listening 7 Speaking 7 Reading 7 Writing 6	English 10	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	Level III	PW 2.2	I3
Dance Diploma	Overall 68	Overall 5.5 (no band less than 5.0)	Listening 23/30 Speaking 25/30 Reading 40/70 Essay 14/20	N/A	English 10	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	Level III	PW 2.2 (not eligible for conditional admission)	I3 (not eligible for conditional admission)



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Dental Technology Sciences Diploma	Overall 80 Listening 20 Speaking 20 Reading 20 Writing 20	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	Listening 25/30 Speaking 27/30 Reading 50/70 Essay 16/20	N/A	English 12 (C+)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (60%)	Level IV	PW 3.3 (not eligible for conditional admission)	A2 (not eligible for conditional admission)
Early Childhood Care and Education Diploma	Overall 80 Listening 20 Speaking 20 Reading 20 Writing 20	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	Listening 25/30 Speaking 27/30 Reading 50/70 Essay 16/20	N/A	English 12 (C)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (55%)	Level IV	PW 3.3 (not eligible for conditional admission)	A2 (not eligible for conditional admission)
Electronics Repair Technology Diploma	Overall 70 Listening 16 Speaking 18 Reading 18 Writing 18	Overall 6.0 (no band less than 5.5)	N/A	N/A	English 11 (C-)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	Level III	PW 3.1	A1
Esthetics and Spa Therapy Certificate	Overall 68	Overall 5.5 (no band less than 5.0)	N/A	Listening 7 Speaking 6 Reading 6 Writing 4	English 10	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	Level III	PW 2.2	I3
Fashion Design & Production Diploma	Overall 80 Listening 20 Speaking 20 Reading 20 Writing 20	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	Listening 25/30 Speaking 27/30 Reading 50/70 Essay 16/20	N/A	English 12 (C)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (55%)	Level IV	PW 3.2 (not eligible for conditional admission)	A2 (not eligible for conditional admission)



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Graphic Design Diploma	Overall 80 Listening 20 Speaking 20 Reading 20 Writing 20	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	N/A	Listening 8 Speaking 8 Reading 7 Writing 7	English 12 (C)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (55%)	Level IV	PW 3.2 (not eligible for conditional admission)	A2 (not eligible for conditional admission)
Hairstylist Certificate	Overall 68	Overall 5.5 (no band less than 5.0)	N/A	Listening 7 Speaking 6 Reading 6 Writing 4	English 10	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	Level III	PW 2.2	I3
Hospitality Management Diploma	Overall 80 Listening 20 Speaking 20 Reading 20 Writing 20	Overall 6.0 (no band less than 5.5)	N/A	Listening 8 Speaking 7 Reading 8 Writing 8	English 12 or Communications 12 (C-)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	Level IV	PW 3.2	A2
Jewellery Art and Design Diploma	Overall 80 Listening 20 Speaking 20 Reading 20 Writing 20	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	Listening 25/30 Speaking 27/30 Reading 50/70 Essay 16/20	N/A	English 12	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	Level IV	PW 3.2 (not eligible for conditional admission)	A2 (not eligible for conditional admission)
Legal Administrative Assistant Certificate	Overall 80 Listening 20 Speaking 20 Reading 20 Writing 20	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	Listening 25/30 Speaking 27/30 Reading 50/70 Essay 16/20	N/A	English 12 (C)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (55%)	Level IV	PW 3.2	A2



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Marketing Technology Diploma	Overall 80 Listening 20 Speaking 20 Reading 20 Writing 20	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	Listening 25/30 Speaking 27/30 Reading 50/70 Essay 16/20	N/A	English 12 (C+)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (60%)	Level IV	PW 3.3	A2
Medical Office Assistant Certificate	Overall 80 Listening 20 Speaking 20 Reading 20 Writing 20	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	Listening 25/30 Speaking 27/30 Reading 50/70 Essay 16/20	N/A	English 12 (C+)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (60%)	Level IV	PW 3.2	A2
Medical Transcriptionist Certificate	Overall 90 Listening 22 Speaking 23 Reading 22 Writing 23	Overall 6.5 Listening 6.0 Speaking 7.0 Reading 6.0 Writing 6.5	Listening 25/30 Speaking 27/30 Reading 50/70 Essay 16/20	N/A	English 12 (B)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (64%)	Level IV	N/A	N/A
Music Diploma	Overall 80 Listening 20 Speaking 20 Reading 20 Writing 20	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	Listening 25/30 Speaking 27/30 Reading 50/70 Essay 16/20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	PW 3.3 (not eligible for conditional admission)	A2 (not eligible for conditional admission)
Network Security Advanced Certificate	Overall 84 Listening 21 Speaking 21 Reading 21 Writing 21	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	Listening 25/30 Speaking 27/30 Reading 50/70 Essay 16/20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	PW 3.3	A2



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Network Technology Administration and Security Post-Degree Diploma	Overall 84 Listening 21 Speaking 21 Reading 21 Writing 21	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	Listening 25/30 Speaking 27/30 Reading 50/70 Essay 16/20	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	PW 3.3	A2
University Transfer Certificate (Arts)	Overall 82 Listening 21 Speaking 20 Reading 21 Writing 20	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	Listening 25/30 Speaking 27/30 Reading 50/70 Essay 16/20	N/A	English 12 (C+)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (60%)	Level IV	PW 3.3	A2
University Transfer Certificate (Computing Science & Software Systems)	Overall 80 Listening 20 Speaking 20 Reading 20 Writing 20	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	Listening 25/30 Speaking 27/30 Reading 50/70 Essay 16/20	N/A	English 12 (C+)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (60%)	Level IV	PW 3.3	A2
University Transfer Certificate (Engineering)	Overall 80 Listening 20 Speaking 20 Reading 20 Writing 20	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	Listening 25/30 Speaking 27/30 Reading 50/70 Essay 16/20	N/A	English 12 (C+)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (60%)	Level IV	PW 3.3	A2
University Transfer Certificate (Sciences)	Overall 80 Listening 20 Speaking 20 Reading 20 Writing 20	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	Listening 25/30 Speaking 27/30 Reading 50/70 Essay 16/20	N/A	English 12 (C+)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (60%)	Level IV	PW 3.3	A2



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Pastry Certificate	Overall 68	Overall 5.5 (no band less than 5.0)	N/A	Listening 7 Speaking 7 Reading 7 Writing 6	English 10	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	Level III	PW 2.2	I3
Pastry ESL Certificate	Overall 45	Overall 4.5 (no band less than 4.0)	N/A	Listening 5 Speaking 5 Reading 5 Writing 4	English 10	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	Level III	N/A	N/A
VR/AR Design & Development Diploma	Overall 80 Listening 20 Speaking 20 Reading 20 Writing 20	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	Listening 25/30 Speaking 27/30 Reading 50/70 Essay 16/20	N/A	English 12 (C+)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (60%)	Level IV	PW 3.3	A2

At least three (3) years of English instruction

Students who have completed three (3) years of full-time, face-to-face secondary or post-secondary education in an English-speaking country where English is the primary language of instruction may meet VCC's English language requirements by completing a high school or university English course with specific grades according to the program-specific English requirements stated in the above chart. Refer to the list of [English-speaking countries](#) below.

*High School English

The required high school English grades may vary by program. Refer to the above chart for program-specific requirements. Full-time education is based on the successful completion of 6 courses in each academic year and a total of 18 courses for 3 years. English as a Second Language (ESL) and transfer (TS) courses from non-English speaking countries are not considered in the three-year calculation.

**University English

Students who have completed an undergraduate English of three (3) credits in an English-speaking country may meet VCC's English language requirements. The required grades vary by program. Refer to the above chart for program-specific university English requirements.



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Canadian degree

Students who have been awarded a degree from an accredited Canadian post-secondary institution where English is the language of instruction are considered to have met the language proficiency requirements for all VCC programs. University degrees with at least 3-years of face-to-face non-ESL instruction, obtained from an English-speaking country where English is the language of instruction, may be accepted as an equivalency.

Less than three (3) years of English instruction

Students who have not completed three (3) years of full-time, face-to-face secondary or post-secondary education in an English-speaking country where English is the primary language of instruction may meet VCC's English language requirements with the following:

**University English

Students who have completed an undergraduate English of three (3) credits in an [English-speaking country](#) may meet VCC's English language requirements. The required grades vary by program. Refer to the above chart for program-specific university English requirements.

English Tests and Validity

[External tests](#) such as CAEL, Cambridge Assessment, IELTS and TOEFL are accepted, in addition to VCC's English Assessments.

IELTS and TOEFL scores are valid for 2 years, and VCC assessment scores are valid for 1 year. Test scores must be valid at the time a complete application is received at VCC.

BC EAL Articulation

Students may meet VCC's English language requirements by completing VCC English courses, or equivalent according to the [BC EAL Articulation Guide](#).

Pathway certificates

ILAC and ILSC Pathway Certificates are valid for 2 years, and must be valid on the requested VCC program start dates.

Other Equivalencies

Other equivalencies may also be accepted on a case-by-case basis. Submit a [complete application](#) to confirm if English entrance requirements are met.

English-speaking countries

American Samoa, Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Botswana, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Falkland Islands, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Gibraltar, Grenada, Guam, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malta, Mauritius, Montserrat, New Zealand, Nigeria, Saint Helena, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States, United States Virgin Islands, Zambia, Zimbabwe

International or B.C. offshore school

Students from institutions accredited by the [Council of International Schools](#) (CIS) and [B.C. Certified Offshore Schools](#) must meet the listening and speaking requirements for VCC programs.

All applicants using external credentials (e.g. degrees, credits or test scores) to meet VCC's English language requirements must provide proof upon application.