INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

These admissions requirements apply to applicants for all Eastern College Diploma Programs, who are not a Canadian Citizen, Permanent Resident or Protected Person.

Admission Test or Secondary School Equivalency Requirement

International applicants over the age of 19 years old, must either:

a) Provide a transcript, diploma, or certificate that is considered the Canadian equivalent to a High School or Secondary School diploma, or post-secondary diploma or degree. Equivalency must be verified by a recognized assessment service like World Education Services (WES). Fees for this service are the responsibility of the applicant. **or**

b) If you are unable to provide an assessment from a recognized assessment service to support your transcript, diploma, or degree, you will be required to write the Eastern College Academic Achievement Test ("the Wonderlic Admissions test"). You must achieve a minimum test score that is approved for the program for which you are applying.

For students who are under the age of 19 years old:

You must provide proof of academic standing that is considered the Canadian equivalent to High School or Secondary School diploma. International students under the age of 19 years old do not have the option of taking the Wonderlic Admissions Test. International students under the age of 19 will also need to have their student enrollment contract signed by a parent or legal guardian.

Students who do not take the "Wonderlic Test", must provide proof of academic standing equivalent to provincial high school completion.

Applicants must provide the following to Eastern College (or a third-party agent at the discretion of Eastern College) for evaluation:

- An original or certified copy of a diploma/leaving/graduation certificate.
- An original or certified copy of academic qualifications (academic transcripts showing grades and marks achieved).
- An official English translation if the academic documents are not in English (indicated with a stamp or seal and signature on the document).
- Both the original documents and the translated documents must be provided. Fees for translation services are the responsibility of the applicant.

Eastern College occasionally works with third party credential evaluation service providers. Depending on where your education was taken, applicants may be asked for consent to share this information with third-party agencies, such as World Educational Services, for credential evaluation.

Program Specific Entrance Requirements

Depending on the Eastern College program that you are applying for, there may also be additional entrance requirements. Please contact an Eastern College Education Consultant for more information on the program specific entrance requirements.

Entrance Exam Proctoring

In some cases, a Proctor may be required for you to write an Admissions Test, and/or any other program specific entrance tests. Please contact an Eastern College Education Consultant to arrange for exam proctoring services. Applicants are responsible for paying for the cost of Exam Proctors if necessary.

English Language Proficiency Requirement

Applicants from countries where English is not the only language of common usage will be required to submit proof of English language proficiency as measured by one of the following recognized tests: TOEFL/IELTS/CAEL/CLB/CELPIP/MELAB/DUOLINGO/PEARSON PTE Academic.

The following are the required language proficiency test scores for most Eastern College Diploma programs*:

- TOEFL Paper-based test – Minimum score of 550 required.
- TOEFL Internet-based test – Overall minimum score of 80 required, with minimum scores of 20 in Writing, Reading, Listening and Speaking.
- IELTS – Minimum overall band of 6.0, with no single test score below 5.5.
- CAEL – Minimum overall score of 60.
- Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program (CELPIP – General Test) – Minimum score Level 8.
- Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) – Minimum score 8.
- University of Michigan English Language Institute (MELAB) – Minimum score 77.
- Duolingo of 105 or greater.
- PEARSON PTE Academic – minimum score 46

NOTE: If you have taken any other English Language proficiency examination from a recognized EAL (English as an Additional Language) program in Canada, please speak with your Education Consultant for consideration for admission.
Only tests taken in the last two years are considered valid.

SPECIAL NOTE: Applicants for the Pharmacy Technician Program who have graduated from high school, community college, private career college or university program located in Canada that was at least three years' duration and was provided in English, with completion of 3 consecutive English language courses do not require further language proficiency testing. If education does not meet this criteria, then language proficiency testing must be completed following the the NAPRA Language Proficiency Requirement Policy:

- International English Language Testing Systems (IELTS) Academic Format
  - Reading: 7.0; Listening: 7.0; Speaking: 7.0; Writing 6.5.

- OET (Occupational English Test)
  - Reading: B; Listening: B; Speaking: B; Writing: C+.

Test scores are to be sent from one of the above testing agents directly to Eastern College.

Applicants for the Continuing Care Assistant program must meet one of the following approved language test scores:

- Duolingo 95
- CELBAN Level 7
- CELPIP Level 7
- IELTS (General Testing) Band Score 6
- IELTS (Academic Testing) Band Score 5.5
- ISANS English Language Testing Level 7

Information about the language proficiency tests can be found by visiting the testing agency website:

- TOEFL www.toefl.org (Please refer to institution code: 0535)
- IELTS www.ielts.org
- CAEL www.cael.ca
- CELPIP www.celpip.ca
- CLB www.language.ca
- MELAB www.myetc.ca
- DUOLINGO www.englishtest.duoling.com
- PEARSON PTE Academic www.pearsonpte.com

Language Proficiency Test Exemptions

The following applicants are exempt from submitting TOEFL/IELTS/CAEL/CLB/CELPIP/MELAB/DUOLINGO/PEARSON PTE Academic scores:

1. Grade 12 in an English high school in Canada.

2. Successfully completed an English language credit in a French high school in Canada.

3. Successfully completed one year of full-time studies in a recognized Canadian college or university where the program was delivered in English.

4. International applicants who completed a minimum of two years of full-time secondary or college level education in one of the countries where English is an official or the only language of common usage.
(Check below if your country is listed on our ESL exemption list).

5. International applicants who obtain an International Baccalaureate in English from one of the International Schools' members of the Council of International Schools (www.cois.org).

Applicants who completed at least two years of secondary education in English in one of the countries listed below are deemed exempt from TOEFL/IELTS/CAEL/CLB/CELPIP/MELAB/DUOLINGO/PEARSON PTE Academic.

- Anguilla
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Australia
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Bermuda
- Botswana
- British Virgin Islands
- Canada (all provinces except Quebec
- Cayman Island
- Dominica
- Fiji
- Gambia
- Ghana
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Jamaica
- Kenya
- Malta
- Monserrat
- New Zealand
- Nigeria
- St. Kitts and Nevis
- St. Lucia
- St. Vincent & The Grenadines
- Sierra Leone
- Singapore
- Solomon Island
- South Africa
- Tanzania
- Trinidad & Tobago
- Turks & Caicos
- Uganda
- United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales)
- USA
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

All other applicants must submit their valid TOEFL/IELTS/CAEL/CELPIP/MELAB/DUOLINGO/ PEARSON PTE Academic scores to an Eastern College Education Consultant. **Only tests taken in the last 2 years are considered valid.**

International students must apply through an approved partnered agent of Eastern College. A list of our partnered agents can be found on our website at https://www.easterncollege.ca/agent-listing/

If your application is accepted and all pre-requisites have been provided to the college by the agent, a tuition commitment request will be sent to you from Eastern College.

Registration Fee & Refund Policy

All registration fees must be made in Canadian dollars. Any refund of fees will be made in Canadian dollars. Eastern College will not be responsible for any exchange rate fluctuations in the event of a refund request

Visa and Study Permit Requirement

Before applying for a Visa or Study Permit you must have successfully met all admission requirements.

Students must provide a copy of their Visa and Study Permit prior to starting their program.

NOTE: As of January 22, 2024, all students must submit a Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL) with their Letter of Acceptance when applying for a Study Permit.

If you have a Study Permit that was issued to attend another Educational Institution
As of November 8, 2024, students will require a PAL to be able to transfer to another Educational Institution. You will not be able to start class until you provide a new Study Permit for Eastern College.

For further information, please visit:
https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/apply.html

Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) requires that applicants have paid the expected tuition commitment fee to their school in advance, and applicants must demonstrate that they have done this prior to submitting their visa and study permit application.

Proof of Financial Support

You must prove to IRCC that you can financially support yourself and any family members who are accompanying you while you are in Canada. For further information, please visit: https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2023/12/revised-requirements-to-better-protect-international-students.html

Eastern College has been officially designated as a **Learning Institute by Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada**. Eastern College has received a **Designated Learning Institution number** for our New Brunswick campuses, which indicates that we are permitted to provide international students with education by the Government of Canada.

- **Nova Scotia DLI# 019391556993**

Students who wish to apply for a study permit (after June 1, 2014), will need a letter of acceptance from a designated learning institution. You need to include the Designated Learning Institution number (DLI #), on your application form.

To access the designated learning institution list, please visit:
http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/study-institutions-list.asp, choose Nova Scotia and type Eastern College into the 'filter items' box.

For more information about studying in Canada, please visit the Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada website:
http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/index.asp

Passport Requirement

Students must have a valid passport with an expiry date that is later than their last day of studies at Eastern College.

Students must present their original passport to be viewed by an Eastern College Staff member at the Eastern College Campus before starting their program.

Health Insurance Requirement

All Eastern College International students, who start full-time diploma programs after January 1, 2015, will be provided with standard healthcare insurance for their study period.

Health insurance coverage is a mandatory requirement for international students.

Health insurance coverage is also a mandatory requirement for spouses and dependent children who are accompanying or visiting an international student. The student is responsible for arranging this for his/her spouse and dependent children.

Standard coverage for emergency health services, found under the StudyInsured International Plan:
https://www.studyinsured.com/easterncollege

Note:

- Students must be under the age of 65 as of their scheduled end date.
- There will be an extra surcharge for insurance coverage for students over 65.
- There will be no reduction in tuition for international students who already have health insurance coverage.

Please refer to the Eastern College website for other international Student Services (https://www.easterncollege.ca/international-student-services/) such as but not limited to:

- Airport pick-up
- Housing
- Health Support
- Mental Health Services
- Service Nova Scotia
- Banking
- Recreation/sports/fitness
- Community Links
- Campus Services