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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 programs. 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 Module	VCC English Language Assessment (ELA)	Canadian Language Benchmark Placement Test (CLBPT)	High School English* (English-speaking Countries)	University English** (English-speaking Countries)	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%)	16 (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)	Listening 25/30 Speaking 27/30 Reading 50/70 Essay 16/20	N/A	English 12 (C-)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	15 (PW 3.2)	A2
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 (C)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	13 (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 (C)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	14 (PW 3.1)	A1
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 (C)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	13 (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 (C)	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	16 (PW 3.3)	A2
Computer Aided Draft (CAD) and Building Information Modelling (BIM) Technicians 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 or Communication 12 (Pass)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	15 (PW 3.2)	A2

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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	16 (PW 3.3)	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 (C)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	13 (PW 2.2)	I3
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%)	15 (PW 3.2)	A2
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 (C)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	13 (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 (C)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	13 (PW 2.2) VCC Program NOT Eligible for Conditional Admission	I3 VCC Program NOT Eligible for Conditional Admission
Dental Assisting Certificate	N/A	N/A	Listening 25/30 Speaking 27/30 Reading 50/70 Essay 16/20	N/A	English 12 (B)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (64%)	N/A	N/A

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Dental Hygiene Diploma	N/A	N/A	Listening 25/30 Speaking 27/30 Reading 50/70 Essay 16/20	N/A	N/A	Three credits of Undergraduate English (64%)	N/A	N/A
Dental Technology Science Diploma	Overall 80 Listening 20 Speaking 20 Reading 20 Writing 20	Overall 6.5 Speaking 6.5 Listening 6.5 Reading 6.0 Writing 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%)	N/A	N/A
Dental Reception Coordinator Certificate	Overall 80 Listening 20 Speaking 20 Reading 20 Writing 20	Overall 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)	N/A	N/A	English 12 (C)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (55%)	N/A	N/A
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+)	Minimum 60% university first-year English course	16 (PW 3.3) VCC Program NOT Eligible for Conditional Admission	A2
Electronics Repair Technology Diploma	Overall 70 Listening 16 Speaking 18 Reading 18 Writing 18	Overall 6.0 Speaking 6.0 Listening 6.0 Reading 5.5 Writing 5.5	N/A	N/A	English 11 (C-)	N/A	14 (PW 3.1)	A1
Esthetics & 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 (C)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	13 (PW 2.2)	I3

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Fashion Design and 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%)	15 (PW 3.2) VCC Program NOT Eligible for Conditional Admission	A2 VCC Program NOT Eligible for Conditional Admission
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%)	15 (PW 3.2) VCC Program NOT Eligible for Conditional Admission	A2 VCC Program 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 (C)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	13 (PW 2.2)	I3
Health Care Assistant Certificate***	Overall 76 Speaking 20 Listening 20 Reading 18 Writing 18	Overall 6.0 Speaking 6.0 Listening 6.0 Reading 5.5 Writing 5.5	N/A	Listening 7 Speaking 7 Reading 6 Writing 6	English 10	N/A	N/A	N/A
Health Unit Coordinator Certificate	N/A	N/A	Listening 25/30 Speaking 27/30 Reading 50/70 Essay 16/20	N/A	English 12 (B)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (64%)	N/A	N/A

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Heavy Mechanical Technology Diploma	60	Overall 5.0 (no band less than 4.5)	Listening 23/30 Speaking 25/30 Reading 40/70 Essay 14/20	N/A	English 10 (C)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	13 (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 Communication 12 (Pass)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (50%)	15 (PW 3.2)	A2
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	Three credits of Undergraduate English (55%)	N/A	N/A
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 (C)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (55%)	15 (PW 3.2) VCC Program NOT Eligible for Conditional Admission	A2 VCC Program 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%)	15 (PW 3.2)	A2
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%)	16 (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	16 (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%)	15 (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%)	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	English 12 (C)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (55%)	16 (PW 3.3) VCC Program NOT Eligible for Conditional Admission	A2 VCC Program NOT Eligible for Conditional Admission
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	English 12 (C)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (55%)	16 (PW 3.3) VCC Program NOT Eligible for Conditional Admission	A2 VCC Program NOT Eligible for Conditional Admission

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Occupational/Physical Therapist Assistant Diploma	N/A	N/A	Listening 25/30 Speaking 27/30 Reading 50/70 Essay 16/20	N/A	English 12 (B)	Three credits of Undergraduate English (64%)	N/A	N/A
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%)	16 (PW 3.3)	A2
University Transfer Certificate (Sciences)	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%)	16 (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%)	16 (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%)	16 (PW 3.3)	A2
VR/AR Design and 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%)	16 (PW 3.3)	A2

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***High School English (Three Years of English Instruction Required)**

English language requirements for students who have completed three 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. English as a Second Language (ESL) courses are not considered in the three-year calculation. Refer to the list of English-speaking countries below.

****University English (Three credits of Undergraduate English)**

Students may meet VCC's English language requirements by completing three credits of undergraduate English at a recognized post-secondary institution where English is the primary language of instruction. Refer to the list of English-speaking countries below.

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

***** Health Care Assistant Programs English Requirements according to the BC Care Aid & Community Health Worker Registry:**

https://www.cachwr.bc.ca/Documents/Educators/English-Language-Competency_HCA-Program-Entry_2018.aspx

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.

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.

Test scores validity

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

Pathway certificates validity

ILAC and ILSC Pathway Certificates are valid for 1 year. Pathway certificates must be valid on the requested VCC program start dates.

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

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