Requirements for English Proficiency Exams

A strong command of the English language is necessary for successful study at Penn, particularly for study in a counseling field. Applicants whose native language is not English or who have not earned degrees or diplomas from post-secondary institutions in English-speaking countries (e.g. the United States, Canada, England, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand) must submit Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores to demonstrate English proficiency. Please note that the TOEFL is rarely waived; therefore, we encourage applicants to take the test to avoid delays in completing the application.

The minimum TOEFL score required for admissions consideration is 100. The TOEFL must be sent directly from ETS using the institutional code 2900. To locate a testing site near you or to schedule an exam, visit the TOEFL website.

The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is also accepted and the minimum score for consideration is a 7.0. You may upload a copy of your IELTS test to the standardized test score section of the application.