

The College of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador (CRNNL) is the regulatory body for all registered nurses (RNs) and nurse practitioners (NPs) in the province. The primary mandate of the College is public protection. The College achieves this by ensuring that all RNs and NPs meet the requirements for registration and annual licensure, and by promoting standards for safe, competent and ethical nursing practice.

As required under Registered Nurses Regulations, a person applying to become registered to practice nursing in Newfoundland and Labrador must demonstrate proficiency in the English language sufficient to enable the applicant to practice as a registered nurse in the province.

You can demonstrate English language proficiency through education, registration status, language proficiency testing, or experience.

Education:

- Completion of entry-level nursing education program where the language of instruction, theory and clinical, was in English. Verification of the language of instruction is required directly from the program. Online or distance education programs are not accepted.
- Completion of additional nursing education where the language of instruction, theory and clinical, was in English (example: Master degree or PhD in Nursing, specialty certification/diploma). The program must be a minimum of one year in length. Verification of the language of instruction is required directly from the program.

Registration Status:

- Registration and licensure within the last two years as a RN or LPN/RPN in another Canadian jurisdiction where English is the primary language.

Experience (Nursing Practice):

- Evidence of practice within the last two years as a RN or LPN/RPN, where services were provided in English, and where the primary language of the practice setting, and clients was English. Verification of the primary language of the setting and clients is required directly from the employer(s).

English Language Proficiency Test:

- Achieving the required scores on one of the approved English language proficiency tests:

IELTS (International English Language Testing System – Academic version)

CELBAN (Canadian English Language Benchmark Assessment for Nurses)



The minimum scores required are as follows:

	Speaking	Listening	Reading	Writing	Overall
IELTS	7.0	7.5	6.5	7.0	7.0
CELBAN	8	10	8	7	--

How long are English Language Proficiency test scores valid?

Test scores are valid for two years from the date of testing. The College recommends to applicants that their test scores be current, within six months, at the time of initial application.

What if my test of English scores expires during the application process?

Applicants whose test scores expire during the application process may be required to repeat a Test of English prior to their application being approved. An applicant may submit additional information to the College for consideration to demonstrate language proficiency.

Can I send a photocopy of my test of English scores?

No. An official copy of the results must be submitted with the application. Applicants should request that the testing company send an original report of test scores directly to the College.

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