

# Application Information for International Students

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- I. Any transcript from a country outside of the U.S. must be **course-by-course** evaluated. An English translation will not be accepted in lieu of an evaluation. You can use any member of [www.naces.org](http://www.naces.org) or [www.aice-eval.org](http://www.aice-eval.org) to evaluate your transcript(s). All associated fees are the responsibility of the applicant.
  - o [SpanTran](#) provides a customized application for SU applicants at a discount
- II. Official transcript(s) from all institutions of higher education where a degree was earned or relevant courses taken (even if an evaluation was completed)
  - o Please request your evaluating agency to include official transcript(s) with your evaluation
  - o Some organizations, such as SpanTran and ECE, provide official transcripts at no extra cost to the applicant
- III. Proof of English Language Proficiency
  - o Please see the back of this sheet for our detailed language proficiency policy
  - o Official score reports required for tests

## COST AND AID

- [Tuition cost](#) is the same for all students regardless of residency and status
  - o [Contact us](#) for more details on yearly cost estimates
- All international undergraduate students are eligible for merit-based scholarships
  - o Scholarships are based on academic merit and are calculated upon admission
  - o No separate application needed
  - o Scholarships will not cover the entire cost of tuition
- Graduate Students are eligible for [assistantships](#)
  - o There are a limited number of graduate assistantships available
  - o Students are encouraged to apply as early as possible for consideration

## CONTACT US

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Please visit our international FAQ and Graduate FAQ page for answers to some of our most frequently asked questions.

## ADMISSION & APPLICATION

### International Student

Any applicant that is NOT a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

### Applying to Shenandoah

Begin the online application process by going to <https://www.su.edu/admissions/international-students/>

### Required Tests

All applicants must meet language proficiency requirements and may need to submit official [TOEFL](#), [IELTS](#), [PTE](#) or [DET](#) test scores to demonstrate proof of English language proficiency.

**Undergraduate:** If you attend an English-based high school and are applying as a freshman, or as a transfer student who has completed less than 24 college credits and graduated from high school less than 2 years ago, you will be required to submit an SAT/ACT score. If you are applying as a transfer student with more than 24 credits completed you will not need to submit any test scores (with the exception of [transfer nursing programs](#)).

**Graduate:** Required tests vary by program. Please [contact us](#) for more details on your [program requirements](#).

### Programs Ineligible for Students Requiring I-20

- Master of Public Health
- M.S. Occupational Therapy
- DProf Organizational Leadership
- EdD Administrative Leadership
- Performing Arts Medicine
- Pharmacogenomics and Personalized Medicine
- Nurse Midwifery and DNP programs
- Some Certificate programs

# Proof of English Language Proficiency

**Completion of a high school diploma (or equivalent) OR post-secondary degree (or equivalent) with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher from the following countries:**

High School Diploma	Post-Secondary Degree
U.S. (except Puerto Rico)	U.S. (except Puerto Rico)
United Kingdom	United Kingdom
Ireland	Ireland
Canada	Canada
Anguilla	Anguilla
Antigua and Barbuda	Antigua and Barbuda
Australia	Australia
Bahamas	Bahamas
Barbados	Barbados
Belize	Belize
Bermuda	Bermuda
The British Virgin Islands	Botswana
Cayman Islands	The British Virgin Islands
Cook Islands	Cayman Islands
Dominica	Cook Islands
Falkland Islands	Dominica
Fiji	Eswatini
Gibraltar	Falkland Islands
Grenada	Fiji
Guyana	The Gambia
Jamaica	Ghana
Montserrat	Gibraltar
New Zealand	Grenada
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Guyana
St. Lucia	Jamaica
St. Vincent & the Grenadines	Kenya
Trinidad and Tobago	Lesotho
Turks and Caicos Islands	Liberia
	Malawi
	Montserrat
	Namibia
	New Zealand
	Nigeria
	Philippines
	Saint Kitts and Nevis
	Sierra Leone
	Singapore
	St. Lucia
	St. Vincent & the Grenadines
	Tanzania
	Trinidad and Tobago
	Turks and Caicos Islands
	Uganda
	Zambia
	Zimbabwe

**If an applicant has not completed a high school diploma or post-secondary degree in one of the approved countries, language proficiency can be met by:**

- Completion of the equivalent of Shenandoah's ENG 101 with of B or better at a regionally-accredited U.S.-based institution.
- Successful completion of Shenandoah University's IESL program
- Attain a minimum of one of the following test scores:
  - **480** or higher on the Evidence-based Reading and Writing (ERBW) section of the SAT (test must be taken within two years of submission).
  - **18** or higher on the English Composition section of the ACT (test must be taken within five years of submission).
  - **79** or higher on the TOEFL IBT for all programs, except those in the School of Nursing, School of Health Professions, and Music Therapy programs, for which an 83 or higher is required (the test must be taken within two years of submission).
  - **21** or higher on each section of the TOEFL Paper-delivered test for all programs, except those in the School of Nursing or School of Health Professions, for which a 24 or higher is required (test must be taken within two years of submission)
  - **6.5** or higher on the IELTS test for all programs except those in the School of Nursing or School of Health Profession which do not accept IELTS as proof of English proficiency (test must be taken within two years of submission).
  - **53** or higher on the PTE (Pearson Test of English) (test must be taken within two years of submission)
  - **55** or higher on 100-point scale (prior to July 15, 2019) or **105** or higher on new 160-point scale on the Duolingo English Test (DET) (test must be taken within two years of submission)
- For some graduate programs, including NonTraditional PharmD and Transitional Physical Therapy, Shenandoah University can hold a license as proof of English proficiency. Please visit the program pages for more details.

## CONDITIONAL ADMISSION

- Students who do not meet language proficiency requirements but have minimum scores of 45 on IQEFL, 5.0 on IELTS, 39 on PTE, or 31/100 or 75/160 on DEI may be granted conditional admission
- Successful completion of Shenandoah University's Intensive English as a Second Language Program (IESL) is required for full admission to a program
  - You must apply to IESL and your selected program
  - You must be admitted to IESL before you can be considered for conditional admission to a program
  - If offered conditional admission, you must first successfully complete IESL before you can start your program coursework the following semester.