

TOEFL iBT Information for Nursing Students

The Nursing Program, at Lake Michigan College, requires all nursing applicants whose first language is not English to demonstrate English competency as part of the application process. The test that is required is the **TOEFL iBT** (Internet-based Test of English as a Foreign Language). Pre-nursing students need to take the TOEFL before taking HESI A2.

What scores do I need to earn in order to be accepted in the nursing program?

To enroll in the nursing program at LMC, you need a minimum score of 84, with a speaking subscore of 26 or higher.

Can I take the test anytime?

NO. There are set days and times when the test is administered. Currently, we do not offer it at the Testing Center here at LMC, but you can see the times and locations where you can take the test by clicking this link: https://www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/register/centers_dates.

What is the deadline to complete the TOEFL in regards to Nursing entry?

We recommend that you take the test 2-3 months before the nursing application deadline. For example, if the deadline for entry is in May, you should take the TOEFL in February or March.

Who can be exempt from taking the TOEFL?

In some cases, you may not have to take a language test as part of your application, if you...

- (a) attended a U.S. high school for four years and graduated from a U.S. high school, or
- (b) earned an accredited bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree in the U.S., or
- (c) are from a country where English is one of the official languages (e.g., Canada, Australia, Malta, Malawi, etc.)

How long is the test?

Test takers are allowed a total of 4 hours to complete the test.

What are the different parts of the test?

Section	Time Limit	Questions	Tasks
Reading	54–72 minutes	30–40 questions	Read 3 or 4 passages from academic texts and answer questions.
Listening	41–57 minutes	28–39 questions	Listen to lectures, classroom discussions and conversations, then answer questions.
Break	10 minutes	—	—
Speaking	17 minutes	4 tasks	Express an opinion on a familiar topic; speak based on reading and listening tasks.
Writing	50 minutes	2 tasks	Write essay responses based on reading and listening tasks; support an opinion in writing.

How much does the test cost?

The cost depends on how early or how late you register. The cost is approximately \$205, but it could be higher if you plan to reschedule or are registering late. For more information on fees, please click here: <https://www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/about/fees/>

How long does it take to receive test results back?

Scores will be posted online approximately 6 days after the test date. However, in order for the scores to be official, they need to be mailed directly by the ETS to Lake Michigan College. Allow 7–10 days after the mailing date for delivery in the United States.

How long are my TOEFL scores valid?

TOEFL scores remain valid for 2 years after the test date. Because language proficiency can change considerably in a relatively short period of time, TOEFL scores more than 2 years old cannot be reported or verified.

How do I submit my scores from these tests?

You can indicate Lake Michigan College as the institution you want the scores sent to while you take the test. If you have already taken this test within the past two years, you can just request and send us your scores. Allow 7–10 days after the mailing date for delivery in the United States.

Digital or photocopied copies of score reports (either test taker or official versions) sent from you personally will NOT be accepted.

When do I need to submit my scores?

If you are applying to the Nursing program, official scores must be received by:

- May 12, 2020 for the Fall 2020 term
- September 12, 2020 for the Spring 2021 term

Does LMC provide any help with test preparation?

YES. There are TOEFL iBT prep classes offered here at Lake Michigan College. They are one-month intensive. You can also go to the Tutoring Center and work with the ESL tutor. For more information, please contact the ESL Program Administrator: esl@lakemichigancollege.edu

Other questions regarding TOEFL iBT Assessment should be directed to the ESL Program Administrator via phone (269) 927-4557 or email (esl@lakemichigancollege.edu).