



IECP Certification
for Students Applying for Graduate Degrees
(such as MA, MS, MEd, and PhD)

What is Certification?

International students seeking admission to Penn State must meet an English proficiency requirement. Refer to **department websites and graduate admissions procedures for your specific graduate program** for requirements. Graduate applications are processed by individual graduate departments. The PSU Graduate School accepts IECP Certification, but not all graduate programs do. IECP Certification is an official statement saying that the program believes the student has the English language proficiency and positive student behaviors necessary for study at Penn State. In addition to simply evaluating English proficiency, as the TOEFL or IELTS do, the IECP also takes into consideration the individual’s performance as a student in our program.

Certification Application

A student who wishes to apply for certification must submit the following information.

Category	Description	How to Submit	
<i>Attendance</i>	Have a satisfactory attendance record	IECP faculty will submit this for you.	
<i>Behavior</i>	Exhibit positive student behaviors	IECP faculty will submit this for you.	
<i>Level</i>	Be a level 4 or split level 3-4 student	IECP faculty will submit this for you.	
<i>Grades</i>	Expect to earn at least an A- in all courses this semester	IECP faculty will submit this for you.	
<i>Test Score</i>	Report a current TOEFL/IELTS score (no more than one year old)	- Scan and save your score report as a PDF. Upload it to the Certification Request Form. - Your speaking sample and your writing sample should be uploaded to the Certification Request Form. - Be sure to check that your files are in the accepted formats. Files in other formats will not be scored. Email iepcert@psu.edu with questions about your IECP Certification request.	
<i>Speaking Sample</i>	Submit a sample of your current work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>a video recording</u> of a rehearsed presentation from Oral Communication class this semester ○ <u>format</u>: .wav, .wmv, or .mp4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ level 3: 7-10 minutes plus discussion ▪ level 4: 10-15 minutes plus discussion 		Note: Students are encouraged to get feedback on their work from the IECP Tutoring Center. Students may need to work ahead of their class schedule to prepare materials.
<i>Writing Sample</i>	Submit a sample of your current work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>an investigative research paper</u> from Writing class this semester ○ <u>format</u>: .doc or .docx 		