



DOUGLAS COLLEGE

ASSESSMENT SERVICES

DOUGLAS COLLEGE COMPUTER-BASED ENGLISH ASSESSMENT

- ❖ **PLEASE NOTE: Students who know they require English Language upgrading contact Developmental Studies at the New Westminster campus by telephone at 604-527-5463 or in person at Room 4200.**

WHAT IT TESTS

This assessment will help us to place you in the English, Communications, or Creative Writing course most appropriate to your reading and writing abilities.

WHO SHOULD WRITE

ALL students enrolling in their first English, Communications or Creative Writing course **EXCEPT:**

- Students who have written the Douglas College Writing Assessment or who have completed the Douglas College Computer-Based English Assessment with a designation of college-level admission, within the last 4 years. (No supporting documentation is required)
- Students who have achieved a 'B' or better (including both the course grade and the provincial exam mark) in English 12 or Literature 12, within the last 4 years. If you have a grade of 'B' or better you can choose to register in any course. (The original high school transcript must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar)
- Students who have successfully completed a college-level writing or literature course, within the last 4 years. (Must submit official college transcripts and transfer credit request form to the Office of the Registrar by established deadlines)
- Students who have a grade of 'C-' or better in EASL 0460, **or in both** EASL 0465 and 0475, within the last four years
- Students who have a grade of 'C-' or better in EASL 0820, within the last 4 years.
- Students who have a grade of 'C-' or better in DVST 0450 or DVST 0455, within the last 4 years
- Students who have a grade of 3 or better in the examination for English- Language A (Higher Level) from the International Baccalaureate Program, within the last 4 years
- Students who have a grade of 3 or better in the examination for English-Language or Literature from the Advanced Placement Program, within the last 4 years
- Students who have successfully completed (ready to enroll in a college writing course) the written Child, Family, Community Studies English Language test, within the last 4 years.
- Students who have written the Language Proficiency Index Test (LPI) with a score of 5 on **both** Essay Level **and** English Usage **and** a score of 10 on the Reading Comprehension section, within the last 4 years. (Must submit a copy of LPI results to the Office of the Registrar)
- Students who have a TOEFL score of 580 and 4.5 TWE or a TOEFL score of 600 and 4.0 TWE or a TOEFL score (computer-based) of 235, within the last 2 years
- Students who have a TOEFL (paper-based) score of a minimum of 55 in **each** of Listening, Reading and Writing **and** 5 TWE; or (internet-based) an overall score of 92 with a minimum score of 22 in **each** of Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing, within the last two years
- Students who have an IELTS score of 7 with a minimum score of 6.5 on **all** parts, within the last two years

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FORMAT OF THE TEST

This computer-based assessment is administered to students by a proctor via the internet. You will have up to fifty minutes to complete the Reading Comprehension portion of this computer-based assessment. If you score at the benchmark level or higher you will have up to fifteen minutes to complete the Language, Literature and Performing Arts Self-Assessment. If you score below the benchmark level you will have up to ninety minutes (1 hour and 30 minutes) to complete a 400-600 word essay based on a specific topic. If you score at the benchmark level or higher on the essay you will have up to fifteen minutes to complete the Language, Literature and Performing Arts Self-Assessment. If you score below the benchmark level you will be referred to Developmental Studies or English as a Second Language.

WHAT TO BRING TO THE TEST

Photo identification (for example: Douglas College student card, current driver's license or passport), your student number, a pen and an English language dictionary when you come to take the assessment. No electronic or translation dictionaries or thesaurus/dictionaries or synonym/dictionaries are allowed.

TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT

Assessments are held on an on-going basis throughout each semester at the New Westminster and David Lam campuses. The Testing Schedules are posted on the Douglas College Website www.douglas.bc.ca/application-services/assessment-testing. There is no accommodation for walk-ins. **Please ensure you are early or on time as late arrivals cannot be accommodated once the assessment has begun.**

To book an Assessment at the New Westminster or David Lam campuses by telephone contact the Registrar's Office at 604-527-5478 or in person at NW Room 2700 or DL Room A1450 or **TTY 604-527-5317**. To access self-serve on-line assessment registration, please go to https://banserv2.douglas.bc.ca/prod/twbkwbis.P_WWWLogin?termtype=CRE.

RESULTS

The result of this Assessment will usually be given to you after completion of the assessment. In some instances your results may take twenty-four (24) hours.

TEST POLICY

Students may take an assessment test for admission to courses and/or programs a maximum of two times within a two year period. Students who believe extenuating circumstances exist may contact the Registrar to request special consideration or exemption to this policy.

Students who have attempted the Computer-Based English Assessment, received a DVST/EASL designation and have a DVST/EASL assessment on their record recommending course(s) must successfully complete such courses up to and including the 300 level prior to being eligible to rewrite the Computer-based English Assessment.

Students who have taken an EASL or DVST Assessment and have been recommended to complete EASL or DVST course(s) must successfully complete such courses up to and including the 300 level prior to being eligible to rewrite the Computer-based English Assessment.