

English, Communications and Creative Writing

Courses in English, Communications and Creative Writing are writing-intensive. Students with a final grade of at least a B in English 12, from within the last four years, may register directly into any course in these areas:

- creative writing
- workplace and practical writing
- writing skills
- literature
- academic writing

Students without the minimum recent English 12 grade of B must complete the Douglas College Computer-based English Assessment or provide a substitute or equivalent assessment (see below) before registering in any course in these areas.

For Assessment dates and times, see the [Assessment Services Web site](#).

To book an appointment, phone the Registrar's Office at 604-527-5478.

Substitutions and Equivalent Assessments

Note: Students relying on a substitute or equivalent assessment must submit the appropriate documentation with their application.

Any one of the following equivalents may be substituted for the Douglas College Computer-Based English Assessment:

- a transcript showing successful completion of a college-level writing or literature course within the last four years
- mastery of EASL 0460, 0474, 0475 within the last four years
- a grade of "C-" or better in DVST 0450 or DVST 0455 within the last four years
- a grade of 6 or better in the examination for English Language A (Higher Level) from the International Baccalaureate Program within the last four years
- a grade of 3 or better in the examination for English - Language or Literature - from the Advanced Placement Program within the last four years
- a score from the Language Proficiency Index Test (LPI) within the last four years (see below)
- a TOEFL score of 580 AND 4.5 TWE (paper-based) or a TOEFL score of 600 AND 4.0 TWE (paper-based) or a TOEFL score (computer-based) of 235 within the last 2 years

LPI score	LPI Scores & Writing Assessment Equivalencies
5 or 6	Minimum score of 5 or 6 on the Essay Level and a minimum score of 5 on the English Usage section and a minimum score of 10 on the Reading Comprehension section will allow registration in all first-year English, Communications and Creative Writing courses.

4	Writing Skills Review Courses (ENGL 1099 formerly ENGL 1124 or CMNS 1105)
3 or below	Developmental Writing Courses (DVST and EASL)

Note: It is your responsibility to ensure that the Registrar's Office has all of the supporting documentation needed to verify your eligibility for any course. If you know that the Registrar's Office does not have your up-to-date LPI score, high school transcript or assessment result, submit this information to the Registrar's Office before your registration date. Also note that transcripts mailed to the Registrar's Office become part of your record and are no longer available to you or Faculty Advisors. Students will not be eligible to register without satisfying assessment or prerequisite requirements.

For more information on course prerequisites and special permission, please refer to Prerequisites, Special Permission and Co-requisites.

For Developmental Education (DVST and EASL) Assessments, phone 604-527-5463 (New Westminster Campus) and 604-777-6196 (David Lam Campus)