



Northern College -Seneca Polytechnic Sign English Pathway Program

This program is designed to establish a pathway for international applicants of Northern College to undertake English language training and preparation for post-secondary studies through the **online** English Language Institute (ELI) programs of Seneca as well as facilitate their admission to the specialized programs at Northern College.

➤ **Who can apply?**

Prospective international applicants who do not achieve the required minimum English proficiency requirements for admission to Northern College programs can apply to study in Seneca's full-time English Language Institute (ELI) to upgrade their English proficiency.

➤ **Seneca ELI English programs**

ELI Level	Duolingo	TOEIC	IELTS Academic	TOEFL iBT	Cambridge	EIKEN	PTE Academic
Level 1	10 - 25	10 - 225	2.0 (all bands 2.0)	0 - 12	<142	4 - 5 (419)	10 - 20
Level 2	30 - 40	230 - 295	2.5 (all bands 2.5)	13 - 19	<142	3 (1456)	21 - 25
Level 3	45 - 50	300 - 395	3.0 (all bands 3.0)	20 - 29 (S/W 8)	<142	Pre-2 (1728)	26 - 30
Level 4	55 - 60	400 - 495	3.5 (all bands 3.5)	30 - 39 (S/W 10)	<142	Pre-2 (1854)	31 - 35
Level 5	65 - 70	500 - 570	4.0 (all bands 4.0)	40 - 49 (S/W 12)	142 - 146	2 (1980)	36 - 40
Level 6	75 - 80	575 - 645	4.5 (all bands 4.5)	50 - 59 (S/W 14)	147 - 153	2 (2141)	41 - 45
Level 7	85 - 90	650 - 720	5.0 (all bands 5.0)	60 - 69 (S/W 16)	154 - 161	Pre-1 (2304)	46 - 50



Level 8	95 - 100	725 and above	5.5 (all bands 5.5)	70 - 79 (S/W 18)	162 - 168	Pre-1 (2467)	51 - 57
Seneca can not accommodate students with complete beginner-level English skills for Level 1. Levels 6, 7 and 8: ELI plus Seneca subjects. Earn up to four Seneca credits while in the ELI.							

- Each level is seven weeks and scheduled as per Seneca’s [Academic Calendar](#) of important dates.
- Students with the overall score but lower bands are placed in the level of the lowest band, for example:
 - A student with an IELTS 5.0 overall with L5.5, R4.5, S.5.0 and W5.0 will place into Level 6.
 - A student with TOEFL 76 overall with L 20, R 20, S 20 and W 16 will place into level 7.
- Students can only choose one placement method below:
 - Scores listed in the table above or
 - Seneca’s English placement test.

➤ **Application to the ELI English Program and Admission to Northern**

- Potential applicant must submit their academic program application via the OCAS IAS portal to Northern College to receive a **conditional** LOA (Letter of Acceptance) and pay at least the first required deposit on the LOA.
- The Applicant then completes the online Seneca International Student application form through the [International Web Application \(IWA\)](#) portal. The application must be received no later than five (5) business days before the start of the academic session for which admission is sought to qualify for admission.
- Only applicants who meet Level 8 exit requirements could receive an unconditional LOA and be finally admitted by Northern College.

For program details or any questions, please get in touch with us via international@northern.on.ca or admissions@northern.on.ca