

English Language Requirements – International Applicants

Care

To study a course at North East Scotland College it is essential that you can speak, understand, read and write English fluently. This means that we will ask you to provide evidence of your English language skills as part of the application process. We accept a range of qualifications such as [IELTS](#), [PTE Academic](#) or [Cambridge](#). Our requirements may vary however, depending on the course that you are applying for. If you have an English language qualification other than those mentioned here, please contact a Student Adviser for guidance:

Student Services

Telephone: 01224 612284

Email: studentservices@nescol.ac.uk

All English language qualifications must be taken within two years of the start date of your chosen course. If you don't have any evidence of your English language skills and you applied for a mainstream course, the College offers an English test. You will be tested in all four disciplines - writing, reading, speaking and listening. However, no certificate will be provided for this test as it solely used to support your full-time application. To book the test, please contact:

Information & Booking Centre

Telephone: 0300 330 5550

Email: enquiry@nescol.ac.uk

For this particular course, the English language requirements are as follows:

Childcare

Course	College English Language test ¹	Cambridge exam	IELTS ²
Introduction to Childcare <i>SCQF Level 4</i>	Strong B1	Cambridge English: Preliminary (min 153)	4.5 and higher

Childcare & Development <i>SCQF Level 5</i>	B2	Cambridge English: First (min 160)	5.0 – 5.5 and higher
NC Early Education & Childcare <i>SCQF Level 6</i>	Strong B2 – C1	Cambridge English: First (min 174)	5.5 – 6.0 and higher
HNC Childhood Practice	C1 – C2	Cambridge English: First (min 180) Cambridge English: Advanced (min 180)	6.5 and higher
HND Childhood Practice	C1 – C2	Cambridge English: First (min 180) Cambridge English: Advanced (min 180)	6.5 and higher

Health and Social Care

Course	College English Language test ¹	Cambridge exam	IELTS ²
Introduction to Health & Social Care <i>SCQF Level 4</i>	Strong B1	Cambridge English: Preliminary (min 153)	4.5 and higher

NC Child, Health & Social Care (Social Care Route) <i>SCQF Level 5</i>	B2	Cambridge English: First (min 160)	5.0 –5.5 and higher
NC Health & Social Care (Social Care Route) <i>SCQF Level 6</i>	Strong B2	Cambridge English: First (min 170)	5.5
HNC Social Services	C1	Cambridge English: First (min 180) Cambridge English: Advanced (min 180)	6.5
HND Social Services	C1	Cambridge English: First (min 180) Cambridge English: Advanced (min 180)	6.5

Course	College English Language test¹	Cambridge exam	IELTS²
NC Child, Health & Social Care <i>SCQF Level 5</i>	B2	Cambridge English: First (min 160)	5.0 –5.5 and higher

NC Health & Social Care
SCQF Level 6

Strong B2

Cambridge
English: First (min
170)

5.5

Course

**College English
Language test¹**

**Cambridge
exam**

IELTS²

NC Child, Health & Social Care
(Healthcare Route)
SCQF Level 5

B2

Cambridge
English: First (min
160)

5.0 – 5.5 and
higher

NC Health & Social Care (Healthcare
Route)
SCQF Level 6

C1

Cambridge
English: First (min
173)

6.0

HNC Care & Administrative Practice
(articulation/partnership route)
SCQF Level 7

6.5 – 7.0

HNC Care & Administrative Practice
(non-articulation/partnership route)
SCQF Level 7

6.5 – 7.0

Note: [Tier 4 \(general\)](#) applicants please refer to the [Home Office website](#) for approved English language tests.

¹ in all 4 disciplines not just the overall score

² in all 4 disciplines not just the overall score