

**Idaho State University**  
**College of Health**  
**Radiographic Science and Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program**

**English Proficiency Requirements**

The Radiographic Science and Diagnostic Medical Sonography programs at ISU require a high level of proficiency in English so that all students will be able to fully meet academic and clinical objectives as well as meet criteria for professional licensure. All **foreign born** students must take **one** of the following tests:

1. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a score of 80 and no less than 20 on any subsection.
2. International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with a score of at least 6.5 and a spoken band score of 7

The term foreign born refers to people residing in the United States who were not U.S. citizens at birth. The foreign-born population includes naturalized citizens, lawful permanent immigrants, refugees and asylees, legal non-immigrants (including those on student, work, or other temporary visas), and persons residing in the country without authorization. In contrast, the term native born refers to people residing in the United States who were U.S. citizens in one of three categories: 1) born in one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia; 2) born in United States Insular areas such as Puerto Rico or Guam; 3) born abroad to at least one U.S. Citizen parent.

**You may be exempt from English proficiency testing if you are foreign born in a country where English is the official language and secondary and post-secondary education is taught in English. As well as you are foreign born but attended Kindergarten-12th grade in the United states school system.**

Examples of these countries include but are not limited to:

- Australia
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- Commonwealth Caribbean countries
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Liberia
- Nigeria
- Sierra Leone
- Singapore
- The Republic of Ireland
- The United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland)
- Turks and Caicos Island

An international student may also meet the English language proficiency requirement by achieving a Level 112 from an ELS Language center, or satisfactory completion of the [Intensive English Institute](#) courses at Idaho State University