New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Academic) (Level 5)

Gain advanced English language skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening.

This will enable you to deal effectively and confidently with most situations in an English-speaking country. These English skills will also provide a basis for you to be able to progress into mainstream academic programmes from the National Qualifications Framework (Level 6 and above).

This programme is offered by Future Skills Academy due to a sub-contract arrangement with Otago Polytechnic.

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Entry requirements

You must:

- be 16 years of age or older on January 1st in the year that you enrol, unless approved otherwise by the Programme Leader
- reasonably expect to achieve the standards required for successful completion of the programme or course.
- If English is not your first language, you must provide:
  - New Zealand University Entrance OR
  - New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Level 4) OR
  - Overall Academic IELTS 6.0 with no individual band score lower than 5.5 (achieved inone test completed in the last two years), OR
  - Acceptable alternative evidence of the required IELTS (see here for NZQA proficiency table and here for list of recognised proficiency tests).
- Students will be tested upon arrival to ensure that the correct level of English tuition is offered.
- This criteria is based on the postgraduate programme entry criteria of IELTS 6.5 - which students are expected to reach upon completion of New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Level 5).

English pathway

International students can study the New Zealand Certificate in English Language Level 4 if they do not meet the entry requirements for this programme. This is also available online for international students who live outside of New Zealand.

What will I learn?

This qualification is made up of four courses in reading, writing, speaking and listening. All courses are compulsory and will be studied at the same time. Within each of these skills, complex grammatical structures, tenses and vocabulary for specific

Location	Auckland Please note: This programme is only available to international students
Duration	16 weeks full-time; part-time not available
Delivery	On campus with face-to-face teaching and self-directed learning

Credits	60
Level	5
Start	February April July October
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purposes will be utilised.

Reading (15 credits)

Gain an understanding of the organisation of academic/specialised texts in order to locate specific information, take notes, summarise and differentiate between fact and opinion.

Writing (15 credits)

Learn how to produce crafted texts for specified audiences in academic or professional contexts, including discursive essays, research reports and business cases.

Speaking (15 credits)

Discover how to speak on a range of academic/professional topics within academic and/or professional contexts and to be capable of sustaining discourse on a particular topic.

Listening (15 credits)

Demonstrate an understanding of spoken texts and learn how to process information for academic and/or professional purposes.

Graduates of this qualification will have the English language skills to work in positions that require:

- complex interpersonal communication
- understanding of complex, context-specific professional and/or technical texts
- writing of complex, context-specific communications
- full participation, interaction and initiative in a team.

This qualification is designed to equip you with the English language skills to enable you to seek professional registration with regulatory standard bodies.

Your workload

You will be expected to spend about 300 hours per Study Block on your course work. This includes both scheduled class time and self-directed study.

Further study options

When you finish this Level 5 certificate, you'll be able to apply for programmes that are quite advanced and/or specialise in a particular field of study. This includes most postgraduate programmes.

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