

We are very excited for you to apply to The University of Akron's Counseling Psychology Program! As an international student, there are a few pieces of the application that are specific to you, and we have compiled this information to ensure your application process is as simple as possible.

Please visit the [Office of International Programs website](#) for general University information and the [Graduate School's International Graduate Admissions page](#) for University policies related to graduate admissions.

**For students who do not have English as a first language.**

Per [Graduate School policy](#), international applicants, U.S. citizens, and permanent residents whose native language is not English must submit evidence that they have a sufficient level of English to undertake graduate studies at The University of Akron.

Applicants to graduate programs can demonstrate their English proficiency in one of the following ways:

- A minimum score of 79 on the Internet-based TOEFL. **Scores more than two years old will not be accepted.** See <http://www.ets.org/toefl> for more information about the TOEFL. Due to the focus on clinical training, the Counseling Psychology program requires a score of at least a 23 on the Speaking Section, which is consistent with the requirements for the Graduate School for teaching assistantships. Please send official scores directly from the test organization using the Graduate School code 1829.
- A minimum score of 6.5 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), which is managed by University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations, British Council, and IDP Education Australia. **Scores more than two years old will not be accepted.** See <https://www.ielts.org/> for more information about the IELTS. Due to the focus on clinical training, the Counseling Psychology program requires a score of at least a 7 on the Speaking Section, which is consistent with the requirements for the Graduate School for teaching assistantships. Please send official scores directly from the test organization using the Graduate School code 1829.
- Successful completion of a full course of study at the English Language Institute (ELI) at The University of Akron and test out at the advanced level. ELI is an intensive (18 hours per week) program in English for academic purposes. ELI courses are offered every semester according to the University's academic calendar. See <https://www.uakron.edu/eli/> for more information about the English for Academic Purposes program.
- Successful completion of 24 credit hours of upper-level undergraduate or 18 credit hours of graduate coursework at a United States college or university in which English is the primary language of instruction. Successful completion is defined as maintaining a 3.0 cumulative grade point average in full-time, continuous studies. Applicants must submit original transcripts of their coursework.

- Successful completion of an undergraduate or graduate program at a college or university outside of the United States in which English is the language of administration and instruction. English must be used for all administrative functions and for all areas of instruction (with the exception of foreign language courses) including course lectures, materials, discussions, readings, and writing assignments. Applicants must submit an original official document from the undergraduate or graduate institution certifying that all of the administrative functions and instruction are conducted in English. The document must be signed by an officer of the institution and carry an official seal. The Associate Dean of the Graduate School at The University of Akron will review the submitted documentation and inform the applicant if they have satisfied the English requirement. The decision will be final.

Additionally, please note that the Department of Psychology offers teaching assistantships at the time of an admission offer. Per Graduate School policy, which is based on Ohio law, this can be met in the following ways:

- Achieve a minimum score of 23 on the Speaking Section of the internet-based TOEFL.
- Achieve a minimum score of 7 on the Speaking Section of the IELTS.
- Achieve a pass on the U-ADEPT (university test: <https://www.uakron.edu/eli/uadept/>)

**Regardless of which of the above options you select, you MUST submit either TOEFL, IELTS, or U-ADEPT (university-specific test) scores as part of your application to the Counseling Psychology Program.** These scores should be less than two years old.