



DREXEL UNIVERSITY

**International Students  
and Scholars Services**  
Student Affairs**J-1 EXCHANGE VISITOR**  
**Certification of English Language Proficiency**

This form should be completed by the **hosting department** of the J-1 Exchange Visitor.

The Department of State (DOS) requires a J-1 Exchange Visitor to have "sufficient proficiency in the English language, as determined by an objective measurement of English language proficiency, to participate in his or her program and to function on a day-to-day basis." Drexel University prefers to use TOEFL, IELTS, or the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) to assess the English proficiency of prospective J-1 Exchange Visitors to permit the undertaking of their university program. A passing test score for the TOEFL is a minimum combined score of 79. An IELTS passing score is a combined minimum score of 6.5. Other standardized tests may be accepted, as is language certification at CEFR Level B2, all subject to document review and approval by the Drexel English Language Center (ELC) and Drexel office of International Students and Scholars Services (ISSS). If no documentation is available, candidates may request an Oral Proficiency Interview administered by the Drexel ELC. Please contact [elc@drexel.edu](mailto:elc@drexel.edu) with questions.

**Option 1: Test Type:** \_\_\_\_\_ **-Date Taken:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy) **Total Score:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Option 2: ELC Oral Assessment Date Taken** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy) **Rating:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Evaluator:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name Signature Title Date(mm/dd/yyyy)

**Comments:**

**NOTE: To arrange the evaluation with ELC and find out more regarding the fees and process, contact ELC office directly at: [http://www.drexel.edu/elc/resources/testing\\_services/](http://www.drexel.edu/elc/resources/testing_services/). ELC will further coordinate the assessment directly with the exchange visitor.**

The Certification of English Language Proficiency maybe waived in the following cases:

- ☐ The exchange visitor has previously completed a J-1 program successfully without any language issues.  
-Include copy of previous J-1 visa and DS-2019
- ☐ The exchange visitor is transferring to Drexel from another institution in the U.S.
- ☐ The exchange visitor has completed a degree at an English speaking institution.
- ☐ The exchange visitor is a native speaker of English.

The DOS's related regulations to "objective measurement" of English language proficiency are published in the Code of Federal Regulations [22 CFR 62.11].

**Exchange Visitor's** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last NAME First Middle

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Drexel Supervisor's Signature Print Name Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_