ITA Testing and English Courses

Admissions Phase

Departments screen applicants’ admission test scores to identify prospective ITAs.
IBT speaking score: 27 or higher = passes English Proficiency requirement, 22* (minimum) to 26 = ITA Candidacy
IELTS speaking score: 8 or higher = passes English Proficiency requirement, 7 (minimum) or 7.5 = ITA Candidacy
PTE score: 74 or higher = passes English Proficiency requirement, 62-73=ITA Candidacy

Student scores below minimum

Student scores at or above minimum, but below passing = ITA Candidacy

Student passes

Arrival Phase (New Students)

Not eligible for teaching assistantships involving instruction of undergraduates

Attends ITA Orientation, may begin teaching

Attends ITA Orientation, takes Microteaching test

Fails, Takes ITA Advanced or Pronunciation

Passes, may begin teaching

Takes Microteaching test at end of course

Wants to be eligible: UCAELI recommends English courses. Student enrolls, completes course.

Assigned other TA duties

Level assessment: B2, takes Microteaching test

Level assessment: B1 or lower, additional UCAELI course recommended

Re-assessment Phase

Passes, may teach following semester

Fails, may take additional course

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Fails, may take additional course

Re-assessment Phase

*Based on data collected since August 2014, students with a score of 22 in the speaking section of the TOEFL have a 39.6% probability of passing the microteaching test and 20.8% probability of conditionally passing the microteaching test.

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