ITA Testing and English Courses (from Fall 2014)

Admissions Phase

Departments screen applicants’ admission test scores to identify prospective ITAs. IBT speaking score: 27 or higher = passes English Proficiency requirement, 23* (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

Not eligible for teaching assistantships involving instruction of undergraduates

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

Arrival Phase (New Students)

Attends ITA Orientation, takes Microteaching test

Fails, Takes ITA Advanced or Pronunciation

Passed, may begin teaching

Attends ITA Orientation, may begin teaching

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

Attends ITA Orientation, takes Microteaching test

Takes Microteaching test at end of course

Passes, may begin teaching following semester

Fails, may take additional course

Re-assessment Phase

Level assessment: B2, takes Microteaching test

Passes, may teach following semester

Fails, may take additional course

Level assessment: B1 or lower, additional UCAELI course recommended

*As transition to the new policy is made, a TOEFL IBT speaking score of 22 will temporarily be accepted as establishing a student’s candidacy for an ITA position and eligibility to take the Microteaching test during the ITA spring 2015 orientation. Analysis of testing outcomes will determine whether the minimum score will remain at 23 or be lowered to 22.