



English Language Course Exemption Policy for the Health Track at Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University

Health Track

- ❖ Foundation Year Program for Health Colleges
- ❖ College of Nursing
- ❖ Medical Physics Program at the College of Science
- ❖ Infection Control Diploma at the Applied College

ENG 131

Level 1 Courses

ENG 132

Level 2 Courses

First: The exemption policy from English language courses (a compulsory university requirement) is as follows:

- **Exemption from the English Language Course for Level One (ENG 131) through one of the following options:**
 1. Taking a placement test designed according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) and achieving a score equivalent to the required CEFR level for the course, as shown in the table below.
 2. Submitting one of the approved certificates for English language proficiency tests: (IELTS Academic) or (TOEFL iBT), or their equivalents, according to the table below.

Test	Required Scores				
	Health Track				
	ENG 131				
	Overall	Listening	Speaking	Reading	Writing
IELTS Academic	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
TOEFL iBT	69	12	18	13	21
Placement Test	B2.1				
Recorded Grade	A+				

- **Exemption from the English Language Course for Level Two (ENG 132) through one of the following options:**

1. Submitting one of the approved certificates in English language proficiency tests (IELTS Academic) or (TOEFL iBT), or their equivalents, according to the table below.

Test	Required Scores				
	Health Track				
	ENG 132				
	Overall	Listening	Speaking	Reading	Writing
IELTS Academic	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
TOEFL iBT	79	20	20	19	24
Recorded Grade	A+				

2. Studying high school in a country where English is spoken as an official language, prior to joining the university.
3. Completing the last four years of American Diploma studies at a school accredited with academic recognition.

Second: Conditions for exemption from English language courses (a compulsory university requirement):

1. The English language proficiency certificate (IELTS and TOEFL iBT or their equivalents) must be official and verified.
2. The General IELTS certificate is not accepted for exemption from Level One and Level Two courses in the academic track.
3. The English proficiency test must have been taken within the past two years at the time of applying for exemption. Certificates from remotely conducted tests are not accepted.
4. The required scores must be achieved in all components of the IELTS or TOEFL iBT test (or their equivalents).
5. The student will not be exempted from the English course if she has withdrawn from the course or received a (DN) grade.
6. Exemption from English language courses does not apply to programs under the College of Languages.
7. University regulations and policies will be applied in the event of submitting any forged or unverified documents.

Third: Procedures for submitting a request for exemption from English language courses for all tracks:

Through the English Course Exemption Request service on the main page of the Deanship of Admission and Registration via:



To apply for exemption



To register for the IELTS test

- The student must attend the lectures until she is officially notified of the exemption and the exemption is accepted.

Exemption Application Submission Dates	
Start	Sunday, 18/ 01/ 2026 —29/ 07/ 1447 AH
End	Thursday, 12/ 02/ 2026 —24/ 08/ 1447 AH



For more inquiries about English language courses, we are happy to receive your messages at the following email address: Eli-ec@pnu.edu.sa