

## POLICY

English as a Second Language (ESL) students are defined at Ocean County College as those for whom English is not their first/"native" language and who do not demonstrate sufficient proficiency in the English language to be ready for college courses taken in English.

Applicants to the College's ESL program fall into one of the following categories:

### 1. Applicants Wishing to Attend OCC with an F1 Student Visa

#### A. Students residing in the U.S. are required to:

- 1) Include scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with their application.
- 2) Achieve TOEFL cut scores designated for students currently residing in the U.S.
- 3) Contact the OCC ESL Coordinator and take an English language proficiency test for placement into ESL courses.
- 4) Take any required ESL courses as well as pursue a degree.

#### B. Students Residing Outside the U.S. are required to:

- 1) Include scores from the TOEFL with their application.
- 2) Achieve TOEFL cut scores designated for students residing outside the U.S. indicating sufficient proficiency in English which will allow them to take the College Skills Placement Test to determine their eligibility to enroll in college-level courses.

### 2. Applicants wishing to attend OCC without obtaining an F1 Student Visa

These students:

- Already reside in the U.S.
- Are not required to submit results of the TOEFL.
- Voluntarily contact the OCC ESL Coordinator and take an English Language Proficiency test for placement in ESL courses.
- Are required to complete any identified ESL remediation or be waived from the ESL courses before continuing at OCC.

The cut scores on the various versions of the TOEFL exam will be set by the Vice President of Academic Affairs and reviewed periodically to ascertain their ongoing value.

In all cases, successful completion of indicated ESL courses will be required before an ESL student can participate in college credit courses. In special cases, ESL students may be permitted to take college courses along with ESL courses (permission of ESL Coordinator required).