



## **OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR**

### **Admission Criteria – English Language Proficiency for International Students**

To: Curriculum and Program Review Committee

From: Joe Stokes, Associate Registrar, Enrolment Services

Re: International Centre for EAP Partnership Agreement

Date: 10/31/17

Motion: That CPRC approve the addition of a partnership with ICEAP allowing international students who successfully complete ICEAP's bridging program to be evaluated for admission without the presentation of a standardized English language test.

In an effort to increase the quality of UOIT's undergraduate international applicant pool, the Office of the Registrar is proposing an admission based partnership with the International Centre for EAP (ICEAP). This partnership would allow for international students who have successfully completed Level 7 and 8 of ICEAP's bridging program to be evaluated for admission to UOIT undergraduate programs (excluding Nursing and Education) on a competitive basis without the presentation of a standardized English language test (TOEFL, MELAB, CAEL etc.). Nursing and Education applicants would be required to present an IELTS score of 7.0 or complete the final session of UOIT's EAP program.

ICEAP's program is currently recognized by Cape Breton University, Acadia University, Bishop's University, NSCAD University, University of Prince Edward Island, Centennial College and Fanshawe College under similar agreements. After a full review of the curriculum, it has been determined that ICEAP would provide superior English preparation for UOIT applicants. This agreement would become effective for the May 2018 intake.

Attachment: Profile of International Centre for EAP (ICEAP) Proposed ESL Partnership

CC. Brad MacIsaac, AVP Planning and Registrar

# Profile of International Centre for EAP (ICEAP) for Proposed ESL Partnership

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## International Centre for EAP (ICEAP)

[www.iceap.ca](http://www.iceap.ca)

### DLI number

019210055012

### About/History

ICEAP's first campus opened in 2009 at Cape Breton University in Nova Scotia. In 2014 they began operations in 2014. ICEAP is the official ELP provider at CBU with students having full access to the universities facilities. The Toronto campus caters to international students who want to pursue post-secondary studies across Canada. It offers EAP, bridge and pathway courses to students who need to language proficiency required to enter undergraduate or graduate programs in partner post-secondary institutions.

### Campus Locations

Cape Breton University  
1250 Grand Lake Road, Sydney, NS

Morrison campus  
101 Upper MacLean St, Glace Bay, NS

Holy Angels campus  
37 Nepean St, Sydney, NS

Toronto campus  
Suite 207, 4 Lansing Square, Toronto, ON

### Accreditation

ICEAP is accredited by Languages Canada.

## **Enrolment Breakdown**

ICEAP currently has 283 students enrolled. 27% of these students are in a university pathway program. The student population is heavily Chinese (97%) with the remaining 3% make up of students from Japan, Vietnam and Taiwan.

## **Curriculum**

ICEAP has developed its own curriculum with a focus on ensuring English language learners have the maximum opportunity to become proficiency in English. A core component of this curriculum is ensuring high levels of literacy.

The EAP program consists of eight main levels running for 8 weeks. Each level is 27.5 hours per week for a total of 220 session hours. Levels range from Foundation to ESL through the Bridging Module for University preparation.

The ICEAP Bridging Module is designed to help advanced level students prepare for university by combining English language studies with study in their pre-determined university academic content (hospitality, business, science, engineering and health science). The Bridging program places an emphasis on university preparation and intercultural communication; academic writing and oral proficiency are combined with course specific vocabulary and terminology. Course content is derived from first-year university courses based on the Bachelor degree choice of the student. These classes help students improve their grammatical accuracy, essay-writing skills, and research skills.

Completion of ICEAP is equivalent to an IELTS 6.5/7.0.

## **Faculty**

Faculty hold TESL certification. Some of the faculty also have teaching experience overseas.

## **Current University Partnerships**

ICEAP has partnerships with Cape Breton University, Acadia University, Bishop's University, NSCAD University, University of Prince Edward Island, Centennial College and Fanshawe College.

## **Site Visit/Post Phone Conference Thoughts**

Current university partners accept ICEAP students after successful completion of the Bridging Pre-Core Readiness levels (Level 7 and 8).

Recommendation: Agreement for pathway to all undergraduate programs with the exception of Nursing and Education. For these two programs students would need to

either provide an IELTS score of 7.0 or complete the final session of UOIT's EAP program.