

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE ESL Programs

The Ohio Revised Code, Section 3345.281 "Teaching Assistants to be Orally Proficient in English"
effective 7-24-1986

The board of trustees of each state university, college of medicine, technical college, state community college, community college, and the board of trustees or managing authority of each university branch shall establish a program to assess the oral English language proficiency of all teaching assistants providing classroom instruction to students and shall ensure that teaching assistants who are not orally proficient in the English language attain such proficiency prior to providing classroom instruction to students.

Proficiency Categories for Wright State University's English Oral Proficiency Test

This is to inform you that ESL Programs in the Department of English Language and Literatures distributes the results of the Wright State University English Oral Proficiency Test (OPT) for international teaching assistants directly to the Graduate School. The Graduate School is responsible for distributing scores to the various departments. Your department will be able to advise you of your score and which course, if any, you are required to take. Student test scores and the Program's recommendations are available 24 hours after the student has been tested. The English department **will not** give out scores to individual students. If you have any questions concerning the procedure of obtaining these scores, please call our office at 775-3136 and ask to speak with Mr. Robert Rubin.

The following categories are used for the Program's recommendations:

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- Category 1** The prospective ITA should be allowed to teach with routine supervision by a department advisor.
(Wright State Oral Proficiency Test Score of 250-300 or Official TSE Score of 55-60)
- Category 2** The prospective ITA should be allowed to teach with supervision by a department advisor and simultaneous enrollment in **English 095 – "Classroom Communication for the International Teaching Assistant."** The ITA will be required to repeat this class the next term if the final grade is unsatisfactory.
(Wright State Oral Proficiency Test Score of 210-249 or Official TSE Score of 45-50)
- Category 3** The prospective ITA is *not yet qualified* to teach and must take (or repeat) **English 110 (Basic Academic Speaking and Listening)** before attempting the OPT again.
(Wright State Oral Proficiency Test Score of 209 or below or Official TSE Score of 35-40)