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## International Students

VADA welcomes students from around the world and provides resources to support a smooth transition into studying and living in Vancouver.

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## IMPORTANT: Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP)

Programs offered by Vancouver Academy of Dramatic Arts (VADA) are **NOT eligible** for the Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP).

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## English Language Requirements

Applicants must demonstrate English language proficiency through one of the following:

- Completion of 2 years of secondary education (including English 10 and 11 with a grade of 'C' or

higher) from a country where English is one of the principal languages, or

- Completion of 2 years of full-time post-secondary education at an accredited institution where
- Provide verified results for one of the English language proficiency tests listed below.

Test results must be dated no more than two years before the start date of the program.

Language test we accept:

1. IELTS Academic Minimum overall score of 5.5
2. TOEFL IBT Minimum overall score of 46
3. CAEL Minimum overall score of 40
4. CELPIP Listening 6, Speaking 6, Reading 5, and Writing 5.
5. Duolingo English Test Minimum overall score of 95
6. PTE Academic Minimum overall score of 43
7. Cambridge English Qualifications: B2 First exam (FCE)
8. Cambridge Linguaskill Minimum overall B2 level

9. LANGUAGECERT Academic Minimum overall B2 level
10. The Michigan English Test (MET) Minimum overall B2 level
11. iTEP Academic Minimum overall score of 3.5
12. EIKEN Minimum placement of Grade Pre-1

Mature student applicants:

- Applicant is 19 years or older at the start of the program and is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident who cannot access their educational records or provide sufficient evidence of

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- applicant provides attestation that they have completed at least three years of full-time instruction in English in a country where the English is one of the principal languages,  
and
- Applicant completes an Accuplacer English Assessment (Next Generation: Reading, Writing and WritePlacer) and achieves the following minimum scores:

Reading: 235

Writing: 235

WritePlacer: 4

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### **International Student Orientation**

All international students receive an orientation that includes:

- School policies and expectations
- Health and safety information
- Housing guidance

- Transportation and daily life information
- Academic expectations
- Emergency contact information

Students receive an orientation package on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the school.

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### **Housing & Living in Vancouver**

Students are provided with guidance on:

- Finding accommodation
  - Understanding tenant rights
  - Cost of living
  - Daily life essentials
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### **Tenancy Rights in British Columbia**

Students can learn more about their rights and responsibilities as tenants here:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/housing-tenancy/residential-tenancies>