

## Purdue Test Score Cut-Offs for Graduate School Admission and ITA Certification

The chart below shows the cut-off scores for admission to Purdue's Graduate School, and the scores accepted for certification, as of October 2012. It is important to note is that the Graduate School's required score for speaking, currently 18 on the TOEFL iBT, is significantly lower than the cut-off score required for certification as a teaching assistant, currently 27.

### Cut-Off Scores for Graduate School Admission and Oral English Certification

Test	Score Range	Grad Admission (Percentile)	ITA Certification
<b>TOEFL iBT</b>			
Writing	0-30	18 (60%)	
Speaking	0-30	18 (49%)	<b>27 (90%)</b>
Listening	0-30	14 (29%)	
Reading	0-30	19 (51%)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	0-120	77 (62%)	
<b>TOEFL CBT</b>			Not accepted for certification
Structure	0-30		
Essay	0-6		
Listening	0-30		
Reading	0-30		
<b>TOTAL</b>	0-300	213 (48%)	
<b>TOEFL Paper-Based</b>			Not accepted for certification
Structure	31-68		
Listening	31-68		
Reading	31-67		
<b>TOTAL</b>	310-677	550 (50%)	
<b>Pearson Test of Spoken English</b>		58	76 on the speaking section
<b>Test of Written English (TWE)</b>	106	Not Required	Not accepted for certification
<b>IELTS</b>			
Writing	1-9		
Speaking	1-9		8 on the speaking section
Listening	1-9		
Reading	1-9		
<b>TOTAL<sup>1</sup></b>	1-9	Overall 6.5	
<b>Purdue's Oral English Proficiency Test</b>	35-55	Not Required	<b>50 or 55</b>

<sup>1</sup> Candidates receive a Test Report Form setting out their Overall Band Score and their scores on each of the four modules, Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking. Each of the module scores is equally weighted. The Overall Band Score is calculated by taking the mean of the total of the four individual module scores.