



College of  
Health Professions

## ENGLISH FLUENCY AND LITERACY REQUIREMENT

### TOEFL REQUIREMENT

All applicants, regardless of citizenship, whose native language is not English, are required to demonstrate fluency (speaking) and literacy (reading and writing). The primary means to document fluency and literacy is to submit a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). A minimum score of 213 is required on the computer-based version of the examination, 79 on the Internet-based version of the examination (subtest score minimums: 15 reading, 15 listening, 18 speaking, 17 writing), or total score of 550 on the paper version with 55 or greater in each of the four subtest scores (listening, structure/writing, reading, and speaking). CHP programs have the option of setting higher score requirements. The test must be taken within the two years immediately preceding the requested semester of admission. An official copy of the TOEFL score, issued by the Educational Testing Service must be sent directly to UAMS by the Educational Testing Service. A photocopy of the scores sent to the student is not sufficient. No action will be taken on an application containing a photocopied test score.

### Petitioning for a TOEFL Waiver:

Petitioning for a TOEFL Waiver – At the discretion of the program admissions committee within the College of Health Professions (CHP) and approval of the CHP Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, the TOEFL requirement may be waived for applicants to programs in CHP who meet any of the following criteria:

- Received a bachelor's degree or master's degree from an accredited U.S. college or university.
- Graduated from a U.S. high school having completed a minimum of three (3) full years in residence and having completed two years of regular English courses with B or better grades.
- Scored 21 or greater on the English component of the ACT exam.
- Maintains a current U.S. certification to practice in the related discipline in which further coursework will be completed and has practiced in this discipline in the U.S. for at least two (2) years.

### Administrative Waiver:

The applicant does not meet stated waiver qualifications; however, should the program chairmen, through program processes, believe there to be no deficiency in the area of English fluency and literacy the opportunity exists for a petition under administrative waiver. Chairman/program director requesting administrative waiver will closely monitor student progress and develop a plan of action should one be deemed necessary.

A TOEFL waiver is not automatically granted. Each petition is reviewed on an individual basis, and the department chair/program director and/or Assistant Dean for Student Affairs may request additional supporting documentation and/or demonstration of the applicant's ability to write, speak, and comprehend the English language.

### Procedure:

Completion of "Request to Waive TOEFL Requirement" form and approval of the department chair/program director is required. Return the form to the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Administration West Building, Room 1.321 or fax to 501-686-6855. A waiver request form is available online under the Current Students tab (Forms and Policies Section), or from the CHP Welcome Center.

### Request to Waive TOEFL Requirement

**Please Print:**

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

All applicants, regardless of citizenship, whose native language is not English are required to submit minimum scores for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) of 79 on the Internet-based version (subtest score minimums: 15 reading, 15 listening, 18 speaking, 17 writing), 213 on the Internet-based version, or 550 on the paper version with 55 or greater in each of the four subtest scores (listening, structure/writing, reading, and speaking) that constitutes the total score. Applicants may request a waiver of the TOEFL exam requirement if the applicant has (check all that apply):

\_\_\_\_ Earned a bachelor's or master's degree from an accredited U.S. college or university to include 6 SC of English composition.

\_\_\_\_ Graduated from a U.S. high school and completed two full years of regular English courses with B or better grades.

\_\_\_\_ Scored 21 or greater on the English component of the ACT exam.

\_\_\_\_ Maintains a current U.S. certification to practice in the related discipline in which further coursework will be completed and has practiced in this discipline in the U.S. for at least two (2) years.

\_\_\_\_ Administrative Waiver – Does not meet stated waiver qualifications; however, the program chairmen, through program processes, believes there to be no deficiency in the area of English fluency and literacy. Chairman/program director will monitor student progress and develop a plan of action should one be deemed necessary.

*Attach any supporting documents which may assist in the evaluation of this request.*

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**I approve this request to waive the TOEFL exam requirement for this applicant.**

Department Chair/Program Director Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Dean for Students Affairs Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**I do not approve this request to waive the TOEFL exam requirement for this applicant.**

Department Chair/Program Director Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Dean for Students Affairs Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_