

## **Important Information for International Graduate Student Applicants from Other Countries**

In addition to completing and submitting the appropriate application and required additional application materials (such as essay, resume) for the School of Nursing, international graduate student applicants must complete and submit the following:

1. Official Transcripts of all original language academic records from all post-secondary institutions attended. Where the official original documents are issued in a language other than English certified English translations must also be submitted. Certified copies of the original certificates or diplomas awarded at the completion of studies must also be submitted. Applicants who have completed the equivalent of a baccalaureate degree or higher at an institution outside of the United States are required to provide the Graduate admissions and enrollment office with official third-party evaluations of those academic credentials. These evaluations must be completed by an accredited organization. For your convenience, we have listed two organizations among many, which provide the evaluations below:

International Education Research  
Foundation, Inc.  
Inez H. Sepmeyer, President P.O.  
Box 66940  
Los Angeles, California 90066  
Phone (310) 390-6276 Fax (310)  
397-7686  
[www.ierf.org](http://www.ierf.org)

World Education Services, Inc.  
Mariam Assefa, Executive Director P.O. Box 745  
Old Chelsea Station New York, NY 10011  
Phone (212) 966-6311 Fax (212) 966-6395  
[www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org)

2. Official results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) MUST BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). Copies of TOEFL test results are not acceptable. For information or application for the TOEFL, you may contact the Educational Testing Service, P.O. Box 6151, Princeton, New Jersey 08541-6151, U.S.A. (E-mail: [toefl@ets.org](mailto:toefl@ets.org); website: [www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org)). The institutional code for the University of Pittsburgh is 2927 and the department code for the School of Nursing is 43. The minimum result of 100 on the internet-based, 250 on the computer based, or 600-603 on the Paper is required by the University of Pittsburgh. You will not be considered as an applicant until you have achieved this minimum score or higher.
3. As an alternative to TOEFL, THE School of Nursing will accept official scores from the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). Minimum scores accepted by the School of Nursing include an overall band score of 7 and a band score of 7 on speaking skills. For more information on this testing system and locations to take the test, consult the IELTS website at <http://www.ielts.org/>
4. Official results of the IELTS must be sent directly to the School of Nursing at the University of Pittsburgh from the testing company. Copies of results are not accepted. Your application cannot be considered until the minimum required score has been achieved.
5. If admitted, the International Graduate Student Supplemental form that is listed in your admission letter must be submitted to the Student Services Office with evidence of financial resources sufficient to cover the cost of your full time program at the university. See our website for details:  
<http://www.nursing.pitt.edu/admissions/international-students>;  
[http://www.nursing.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/nursing\\_supplemental\\_form.pdf](http://www.nursing.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/nursing_supplemental_form.pdf)

After admission to one of the programs in the School of Nursing has been granted, actual enrollment in courses is contingent upon successful completion of the NCLEX examination and licensure as a registered nurse in the state of Pennsylvania. To be eligible to take the NCLEX in Pennsylvania, you must have passing scores on the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) examination. For more information about the NCLEX examination, contact the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing (telephone: 717-783-7142; FAX: 717-783-0822; e-mail: [nursing@pados.state.pa.us](mailto:nursing@pados.state.pa.us); website: [www.dos.state.pa.us/bpoa](http://www.dos.state.pa.us/bpoa)).

For additional help from the School of Nursing e-mail [lapsleyl@pitt.edu](mailto:lapsleyl@pitt.edu) or call 1-888-747-0794.