International Teaching Assistant Program
Oral English Proficiency Certification Process

**Incoming Test Scores**

**Non-current TOEFL/IELTS Scores (2 years or older) or Graduate Admission Requirement waived** (due to 2 years prior study in a U.S. Institution or Employment Verification)

**Current Test Scores (less than 2 years old)**
- TOEFL iBT: Speaking: 26+ / Listening: 24+
- IELTS: Speaking: 8.0+ / Listening: 7.5+

- TOEFL iBT: Speaking: 24-26 / Listening: 22-23
- IELTS: Speaking: 7.0-8.0 / Listening: 6.0-7.5

- TOEFL iBT: Speaking: <20 / Listening: <17
- IELTS: Speaking: <6.0 / Listening: <6.0

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TA must register for ESL 401 and can only be offered a TA assignment with minimal student contact, such as tutoring, office hours, or grading.

**ESL 401**
After completion of one semester of ESL 401 a Performance Evaluation (FAQs) is given to all registered students, and their Oral Proficiency Certification status will be adjusted if appropriate.

**Actions**

**Interview Waiver**
TA must contact ITAP at itap@uic.edu to schedule an oral interview to be granted Oral Proficiency Certification. If the interview is deemed insufficient to determine Oral Proficiency, a Performance Evaluation may be required.

**Performance Evaluation (FAQs)**
TA must contact ITAP at itap@uic.edu to schedule a Performance Evaluation, which must be completed before the end of the first week of classes.

**Intake Performance Evaluation Scores**
- 50+: Full Oral Certification granted and a letter of certification will be provided to TA’s department
- 45-50: Register for ESL 401 with concurrent teaching assignment
- <45: Register for ESL 401 with minimum student contact

**Outtake Performance Evaluation Scores**
- 50+: Full Oral Certification granted and a letter of certification will be provided to TA’s department
- <50: Must register for an additional semester of ESL 401

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