

Oral Proficiency Requirements: Before you enroll in Level I, please consider the following oral proficiency pre- requisites: LPT = Language Proficiency Test (abbreviation shown below)

1. If you have a high school diploma or college degree from the USA, you have already met your oral English requirement because that means that you should be able to speak/read/write in English at a high school or college level. Please email us a copy of your diploma.

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2. If you have a high school diploma or college degree from a Spanish-speaking country or another foreign country, you have already met the oral Spanish/foreign language requirement. In that case, you do NOT have to take the LPT in Spanish/other foreign language. Email copy to

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3. If you went to college in the USA and have a major in Spanish, you still have to take the LPT in Spanish or other language. Majoring in Spanish/another language does NOT guarantee that your oral proficiency level will be at the Advanced-Mid (minimum requirement) if you take the OPIc from *Language Testing International* (LTI) or at L+2, L3 levels, from the *Parrot Company*. The LPT will determine your oral proficiency level to be able to interpret in medical settings.

4. If you are a native Spanish-speaker, who went to school and/or college ONLY in the USA and NOT in Mexico, for example, you still will have to take the LPT in Spanish. Speaking Spanish at home does not guarantee that your oral proficiency level in Spanish is at the required level. You will show your proficiency level by taking the LPT in Spanish/another language.

5. If you are an American (from the USA) who grew up and went to high school/college in Honduras, for example, and have proof of it, you do not have to take the LPT in Spanish. You have met your Spanish requirement.

6. If you are an American (from the USA) who has held a professional job for 5 years or more in a Spanish-speaking country, or another country, then you do not have to take the LPT. You need to show proof of it by presenting a letter from your employer stating that you are fluent (Advanced-Mid or higher) in Spanish.

7. If you are from Argentina, for example, and has held a **professional job** in the USA for 5 or more years, then, you do not have to take the LPT in English. Please show proof of it by emailing a letter from your employer stating that you are fluent in English.

8. If you are a Spanish-speaking person who has taken the TOEFL in English in the past 6 years and scored at the required level by our program, then, you do not have to take the LPT in English.

There are two companies where you can take the LPT in Spanish, other foreign language and English (if needed) (see next page).

Two companies where you can take the LPT in Spanish, other foreign language and English (if needed):

1. PARROT Language Testing Services

<https://languagetest.com>

30 minutes is all it takes. = \$35

“All you need to get a certified language test result from Parrot is a computer, an internet connection, and half an hour. Record your answers to audio and video prompts with our simple online interface and we’ll send you your results in less than 24 hours. Use your Parrot account to send your certificate & rating to as many hiring managers as you want.” (Parrot Company)



Get Certified

2 Language Testing International (OPIc)

www.languagetesting.com

ACTFL OPIc: 40 minutes (oral, speaking test) \$105.00

Your Level = Advanced Mid

“The **Oral Proficiency Interview by Computer (OPIc)** is an **on-demand** test that measures your ability to speak in a particular language. Questions are pre-recorded and designed to identify your specific proficiency level. It is a **20-40 minutes** virtual conversation conducted **online** or by **phone**.”