



# Health Care Assistant Certificate

The Canadian Language Benchmark Placement Test (CLBPT) is available to HCA applicants on a limited basis.

To take the CLBPT through NIC, individuals must:

- apply to the HCA program and receive notification from the Admissions Department that a language assessment is required. It is not necessary to meet with an advisor before doing the CLBPT.
- call 1-800-715-0914 to pay the \$20 assessment fee.
- contact Suzanne Schiller ([Suzanne.schiller@nic.bc.ca](mailto:Suzanne.schiller@nic.bc.ca)), the CLBPT assessor, to schedule an assessment.

Assessments take place at the Comox Valley Campus or remotely.

After taking a CLBPT assessment at NIC, scores from other institutions will not be accepted for one year.

CLBPT scores are valid for two years.

If an applicant does not attain the scores required to be admitted into the HCA program, NIC will provide a placement that indicates suggested English upgrading courses.

Individuals may retest within the two-year period if an applicant can demonstrate that English language skill development has likely occurred and with the approval of the CLBPT assessor.

For more information on the CLBPT, visit [The Centre for Canadian Language Benchmarks](#).