

Medicine Hat College (MHC)

English Language Proficiency (ELP) Conditional Admission - FAQs

If you have questions about English Language Proficiency (ELP), pathway programs, conditional admission, or your application, our International Education team can help. Email IntEd@mhc.ab.ca for support as you prepare to study at Medicine Hat College (MHC).

What is ELP Condition Admission?

ELP Conditional Admission allows academically qualified applicants to receive admission to certain Medicine Hat College programs while they are still working toward meeting the ELP requirement through our approved language pathway partner.

- Oxford International Digital Institute (OIDI) Pre-Sessional English Program

OIDI provides online options for these programs.

Applicants must meet all academic admission requirements and complete the required English pathway before the study permit document deadline for their semester of admission.

What English Levels Are Required?

General ELP

(IELTS 6.0 with no band below 6.0, Duolingo 105)

- OIDI General ELP pathway completion OIDI 6 with a low of 6

Intermediate ELP

(IELTS 6.5 with no band below 6.0, Duolingo 120)

- OIDI Intermediate ELP pathway completion OIDI 7 with a low of 7

Advanced ELP

(IELTS 7.0 with no band below 7.0, Duolingo 130)

- OIDI Advanced ELP pathway completion OIDI 8 with a low of 8 (where accepted by program)

Which programs are eligible for conditional admission?

General ELP Programs

- Administrative Office Management Diploma
- Administrative Office Professional Certificate
- Bachelor of Applied Arts – Art and Design
- Business Administration Diploma
- Criminal Justice Diploma
- Early Childhood Education Certificate/Diploma
- Engineering Design and Architectural Technology Diploma
- Environmental Biology and Reclamation Technology Diploma
- Information Technology Diploma
- Advanced Accounting Post-Diploma Certificate
- Intermediate Accounting Post-Diploma Certificate
- Power Engineering Technology Diploma
- Service Dog and Canine Studies Management Diploma
- Sport and Event Marketing and Management Diploma

Intermediate ELP Programs

- Addictions Counselling Diploma
- Child and Youth Care Counsellor Diploma
- Humanities and Social Sciences Diploma
- Kinesiology Diploma
- Occupational Therapist Assistant / Physical Therapist Assistant Diploma
- Marketing and Design Post-Diploma Certificate
- Social Work Diploma
- Speech-Language Pathologist Assistant Diploma
- University Transfer: Education

Advanced ELP Programs

- Bachelor of Applied Health Sciences (Paramedic)
- Practical Nurse Diploma

Conditional admission through language pathway partners is not available for:

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Pharmacy Technician Diploma
- Health Care Aide Certificate
- University Transfer: Arts, Commerce/Management, Science, Social Work

Applicants to these programs must satisfy the ELP requirement before admission can be offered.

How Does Conditional Admission Work?

1. Apply to MHC, pay the application fee, and submit all required academic documents (e.g. high school transcripts).
2. Admissions will assess your academic qualifications.
3. If you are academically admissible but have not yet met the ELP requirement, you may be considered for conditional admission. At this point, if you do not yet have a valid ELP test score which meets MHC's requirements, or proof of enrolment in an approved pathway program, you will be provided with an MHC student number and information on how to enrol. If you do not have a current English language test result, OIDI can assist with placement testing to determine the appropriate program level.
4. You must then provide proof of enrolment in an approved pathway program, confirming your current level and expected completion date.
5. Admissions will determine whether your pathway studies can reasonably be completed before the study permit document deadline.
6. If eligible, you may receive a Conditional Offer of Admission outlining next steps. Once you've paid the required \$15,000 which includes your deposit (\$5000) and tuition installment (\$10,000), you will receive a Study Permit Acceptance Letter (SPAL) and Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL) so that you may apply for a study permit.
7. See detailed information on application steps here: www.mhc.ab.ca/information-for/international/study-at-mhc
8. You must meet all conditions outlined in the offer letter before the deadline for your semester.

How Do I Connect with OIDI?

For information and registration:

OIDI: oidigitalinstitute.com/online-pre-sessional-english-medicine-hat-college

Please note that applicants registering to OIDI's pre-sessional English program through the MHC partnership may require an MHC student ID number, which will be provided to you in your application acknowledgment.

Will MHC Assess My Academic Qualifications Before I Apply?

No. MHC can only conduct a full assessment of your academic qualifications after you have submitted an application and all required documents. Applicants can review program admission requirements and supporting documentation requirements before applying: www.mhc.ab.ca/admissions/how-to-apply/supporting-documents

Who Pays for Pathway Courses?

Applicants are responsible for paying all tuition and fees charged by OIDI directly. These fees are separate from MHC application fees, deposits, and tuition.

What Happens If I Do Not Complete My Pathway Program?

Applicants who do not provide proof that they met their ELP condition by the required deadline may have their admission cancelled. Those who remained enrolled and active in their ELP pathway program but did not complete it will be eligible for a full refund of their \$5000 tuition deposit and \$10,000 first tuition installment. Those who did not remain enrolled and active in their ELP pathway program will receive a refund of the \$10,000 tuition installment only, but not the \$5000 deposit.