



### Spoken English Certification of International Teaching Assistants

(Effective Fall 2016)

These guidelines are limited to spoken English proficiency, which is only one of the criteria for TA certification. These guidelines apply to graduate students who are non-native speakers of English and will be serving as TAs.

TEST SCORES	STATUS	Levels of Instruction	Actions
TOEFL iBT Speaking: 26+ SPEAK: 50+	Certified	1-4	No further action. <i>Students may enroll in a class and attend workshops.</i>
TOEFL iBT Speaking: 23-24 SPEAK: 45	Able to teach at level 2 if also enrolled in an English class.	2	Students <b>must</b> enroll in EAP5835 or EAP5838 in the same semester they are appointed to teach at level 2.
TOEFL iBT Speaking: <22 SPEAK: <40	Able to teach at level 1 (grader)	1	Students are recommended to enroll in an English class in order to develop the skills to teach at higher levels of instruction.

**TAs teaching their native language:** International graduate students who teach their native language must score at least 45 on SPEAK or 23-24 on the speaking section of TOEFL in order to be able to teach.

**Alternative Certification:** Students who score a 45 on SPEAK and enroll in EAP5835 can be certified if they get a 90 or better in the class.

#### Levels of Instruction for Teaching Assistants:

1. Grader; Proctor for Computerized Exams (*limited interaction with students*)
2. Lab section; Recitation/discussion section (*interaction with undergraduate students*)
3. Lower-level undergraduate course
4. Upper-level undergraduate course

**Course level types 3-4 presume the graduate teaching assistant is the Instructor of Record.**