

Alternate Pathways to Higher Education

English Language Programs

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ELICOS Courses

The Avondale ELICOS program offers 10-week English language courses (each divided into two five-week modules) at four levels:

EL081	Elementary ELICOS, Part I
EL082	Elementary ELICOS, Part II
EL083	Intermediate ELICOS, Part I
EL084	Intermediate ELICOS, Part II
EL085	Upper-intermediate ELICOS, Part I
EL086	Upper-intermediate ELICOS, Part II
EL087	Advanced ELICOS, Part I
EL088	Advanced ELICOS, Part II

Courses begin every five weeks. These courses enable students to develop their English language competency and performance. They provide opportunity for students to improve their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. Successful completion of Advanced ELICOS enables students to apply to enter Avondale degree courses. The ELICOS program runs for 45 weeks of the year, beginning in the first week of January and ending the week before Christmas, with several short breaks through the year.

The Avondale ELICOS program is regulated by NEAS, the national accrediting body for the ELICOS industry. All the teaching staff have TESOL degrees and are experienced English teachers.

IELTS—International English Language Testing Service

IELTS is the standard test of English for overseas students who intend to study in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. IELTS assesses a candidate's ability to read, write, speak and listen in English. Avondale ELICOS students can opt to take an IELTS test upon completion of their course. Those intending to commence a nursing degree are required to obtain an IELTS score of 6.5, with no individual band below 6.0. This is a requirement of the Nurses Registration Board.

ATELP—Avondale Test of English Language Proficiency

ELICOS students who wish to progress into an Avondale bachelor degree course will need to demonstrate their proficiency in English. This may be by an IELTS test taken at an official IELTS test centre, or the Avondale Test of English Language Proficiency (ATELP). The ATELP will test reading, writing, listening and speaking skills in English. The test will be offered by the Avondale English Language Centre four times a year. Students who wish to take the test at other than the specified times will be charged a fee.