I. Purpose
This policy ensures that persons admitted to SHP programs are sufficiently fluent in the English language to facilitate learning at the undergraduate and/or graduate level.

II. Accountability
The Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and SHP Manager of Admissions are responsible for compliance with this policy. Program Directors are responsible for providing advisement which is consistent with the policy.

III. Policy

English Proficiency Examination Requirements
Regardless of US residency status, an English proficiency examination is required of all students whose secondary schooling has been outside the US in a country where English is not the principal language. Score reports must be from a test taken within the past two years and submitted directly to the Office of Admissions from the testing service.

To aid in the determination of whether students’ secondary schooling was outside the US in a country where English is not the principal language, the Office of Admissions will provide an exhibit attached to this policy listing countries in which English is the principal language. This document will be updated on an annual basis.

SHRP accepts Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or other standardized tests with prior approval from the Office of Admissions to determine the English proficiency of its international applicants.

Please note: Students who have earned a grade of "B" or better in a college-level English Composition I and II course at an accredited US college (not a foreign affiliate) are exempt from the English language proficiency requirement. English courses that are designated ESL, non-native, or which require a special support component, or any courses taken outside the US, are not acceptable. Please also note that Rutgers University does not accept correspondence or online courses for the language proficiency requirement.

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
Acceptable TOEFL scores are as follows: 550+ on the paper and pencil test or 79+ on the Internet-based test. Programs may establish additional language proficiency requirements and/or higher acceptance scores than those stated in the policy. All results must be forwarded directly to SHP from the testing agency.