

Test Orientation

- If you hope to be considered for a teaching assistantship, ask the staff in your graduate studies office about being scheduled for the Oral English Proficiency Test (OEPT). If necessary, your department will register you for an upcoming test administration. Check with your department to find out when and where you need to go to take the test.
- Before your test administration, take the OEPT Practice Test using Firefox or Edge web browser. Taking the practice test is the best way to prepare for the OEPT. <https://www.purdue.edu/oepp/>
- On testing day, arrive for the test 15 minutes early for sign-in and orientation. Be sure to bring your photo identification (Purdue ID, passport, or Indiana Drivers License).
- Your test score will be reported to your department within one week. Check with your department to learn your test results.
 - If you receive a score of 50 or 55, you are certified for oral English proficiency.
 - If you receive a score of 45 or 40, you will be placed on the waiting list for ENGL 620, "Classroom Communication in ESL for International Teaching Assistants."
 - If you receive a score of 35, you must wait a year and retake the OEPT. During that year, it is recommended that you take ESL Short Courses in the PLaCE Program. <https://www.purdue.edu/place/courses/shortCourses.html>
- When you talk with your department about your OEPT test results, be sure they explain to you how the test results may affect your funding. In some departments you will talk with your advisor to get this information. In other departments you may need to talk with an administrator in the graduate studies office.
- If you need to take ENGL 620 to be certified, talk with your department about your options. Students who are most urgently needed to teach undergraduate courses receive priority for registration in the ENGL 620 course. If you have other funding, such as a research assistantship or a fellowship, you may have to wait for at least one semester to take ENGL 620. When it is time for you to take ENGL 620, your department will work with the OEPP to process your registration. ENGL 620 is a one semester course and can be repeated up to two times if necessary.