

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY DOCUMENTATION

In accordance with VA Handbook 5005, Part II, Appendix I, "No person will be appointed under authority of 38 U.S.C. Chapter 73 or 74, to serve in a direct patient-care capacity in VHA who is not proficient in written and spoken English."

**Required English Language Proficiency.** Ability to communicate in spoken and written English with patients and other health care personnel with sufficient fluency to satisfactorily carry out assigned responsibilities.

In order to meet this requirement, please choose from one of the following options to self-certify your English Language Proficiency:

a. My primary and native written and spoken language is English.

b. I have completed a combination of 4 or more years of education and/or experience as follows:

(1) Education in this country or in any school in which the basic curriculum is conducted in English, which may include any time spent in graduate and postgraduate training.

(2) Successful work experience in a health care facility in which the primary written and spoken language is English and in which I was required to communicate in English.

For physicians only, any of the following additional criteria may be considered as qualifying for English language proficiency:

c. Graduate from a medical school accredited by the LCME (Liaison Committee on Medical Education), as listed in the current Association of American Medical Colleges' Directory.

d. Graduate from a foreign medical school whose curriculum was taught and examined in English.

e. United States citizen by birth and graduation from a foreign medical school.

f. Certification by the ECFMG (Educational Council for Foreign Medical Graduates) with a certificate dated 1976 or later.

g. Successful completion of the VQE (Visa Qualifying Examination).

h. Certification by an American Specialty Board

I certify that I am able to communicate in spoken and written English with patients and other health care personnel with sufficient fluency to satisfactorily carry out assigned responsibilities, as indicated above.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_