



ADMISSION to the ITESS programme

In these first two pages, you are guided through the steps of the admission procedure. You can also find links here to see what diplomas, results and personal qualities we expect. There are email addresses to ask for extra information or advice, if necessary.

The steps you take to be admitted

The ITESS admission procedure consists of two stages. First, NHL Stenden asks you for documents and makes a formal check. In the second stage, ITESS makes sure if the programme is suitable for you. The two stages may partly run at the same time to speed the process up.

Stage 1

You apply for the ITESS programme through the Dutch central registration site [Studielink](#). Once you have applied, NHL Stenden will send an email to explain how you can submit necessary documents via an online portal. Please submit all of these documents as soon as possible, including a motivation letter and CV.

If you have no examination results yet, you submit a copy of your most recent school report / grade list including the results for the main subject field and English. Please attach the school report to your CV, if you are unable to submit the school report separately in the online portal.

Once your documents have been uploaded, Central Student Administration will look at your previous education.

You can ask questions about stage 1 of the admission procedure at csa@nhlstenden.com.

Stage 2

To make sure that the programme is suitable for you, ITESS takes a closer look at your motivation, your level of English and especially at your entrance level for the main subject field that you have chosen (History or Geography or Mathematics or Science or English).

ITESS has access to the [motivation letter](#) and the [CV](#) that you have submitted in stage 1. If you have submitted a diploma and a grade list showing your examination results, ITESS will have access to those as well.

You will be invited to an (online) [intake interview](#) conducted by one or two ITESS team members who have seen your documents, including your motivation letter and CV. The team member(s) will ask about your expectations, your motivation and any international or cross-cultural experiences. You may also be asked for a clarification of diplomas and results. Make sure you can give some examples of the content of the main subject field as taught in your present or previous education.

Within a week after your (skype) meeting, ITESS will email you to inform you about the outcome.

If you have questions about stage 2, you can email itess@nhlstenden.com.

What you need to show to be admitted.

What documents you need to upload depends partly on your nationality and your education. After you have applied via Studielink, NHL Stenden Central Student Administration (CSA) will send you an email explaining what is needed.

In **stage 1**, NHL Stenden checks if you meet the general admission requirements.

Links for information, help or advice about general admission to NHL Stenden:

- General academic level (diplomas, results): [international](#) and [Dutch](#)
- General [level of English](#)
- Information about admission on [NHL Stenden website](#)

For questions about stage 1, email csa@nhlstenden.com .

The address of the NHL Stenden portal for uploads is <http://igo.nhlstenden.com/> .

In **stage 2**, ITESS checks if the programme is suitable for you. ITESS is an ambitious programme that needs to live up to the high expectations of international schools. For many students, starting with the ITESS programme is a big step.

After you have applied, ITESS sends you an email asking you which main subject field you prefer.

ITESS gives an indication of the level of subject knowledge and English that helps you to start the programme with confidence. Please read the [ITESS list of approved qualifications per country](#) .

- If your diploma and results meet the descriptions in the ITESS list, it is unlikely that your diploma & results or your level of English will be a problem in stage 1
- If your diploma or results are somewhat below the indicated standards in the list, you could still successfully complete stage 1. ITESS will assess suitability by looking at the overall picture provided by your diploma and results combined with your motivation letter, CV and the admission interview.

Links for information, help or advice about stage 2: the suitability of the ITESS programme

- [ITESS List of approved qualifications per country](#)
- [Intake interview](#)
- [Motivation letter](#) and [CV](#)

Is your country not in the ITESS list or do you have specific questions? Ask itess@nhlstenden.com

*ITESS is looking forward to meeting you in the intake interview, and hopes to welcome you as a student.
Best wishes to you on behalf of the ITESS team,*

Alex van der Stouwe, coordinator and project leader.







International Teacher Education
for Secondary Schools

CV Curriculum Vitae : maximum two pages

- Picture (preferably)
- Personal data (name, address, date of birth etc.)
- Previous education
 - o name of school/university;
 - o diploma;
 - o relevant certificates;
 - o relevant special training
- Relevant activities
For example:
 - o activities in international or bilingual schools,
 - o assistance in school events;
 - o activities as coach or guide for young people, or as leader or coordinator in a club or organization;
 - o activities for international or intercultural organisations;
 - o relevant part-time jobs; hobbies)

Motivation letter (300 – 400 words)

- Reasons why you would like to become an ITESS student (for example: programme, setting, teaching profession)
 - Experience and characteristics that make you suitable for the ITESS programme
For example:
 - language skills,
 - international and intercultural experience,
 - personal qualities and preferences
- Use information from your CV if possible.

Intake interview (30 minutes)

- There will be friendly questions to see if the ITESS programme is suitable for you.
- One or two ITESS team members will ask you about
 - your reasons for choosing ITESS,
 - your experience and characteristics relevant to international teacher education,
 - your interest and background in the main subject field.
- You need to have uploaded a motivation letter, CV and your educational results before the interview. Questions will be based partly on these documents.
- The interview is held in Groningen in the Netherlands, or online if you live far from Groningen (Skype interview). ITESS will send you an invitation and possible dates.
- You can ask your own questions at the end.
- ITESS will inform you about the outcome within a week after the interview.

ITESS List of approved qualifications per country

Country	<p>If your diploma and results meet the relevant descriptions below, your levels of English and subject knowledge are good enough to start the ITESS programme with confidence.</p> <p>If your country or your international diploma is not listed below, you can ask for more information at itess@nhlstenden.com</p>
Australia	<p>Higher School Certificate Queensland Certificate of Education South Australian Certificate of Education Qualifications Certificate of Tasmanian Certificate of Education Victorian Certificate of Education Western Australian Certificate of Education ACT Year 12 Certificate Northern Territory Certificate of Education (recommended : ATAR 85)</p> <p>Additional requirements -English: <i>No additional requirements</i> --Subject knowledge of the main subject field that you are going to teach: <i>Mathematics or Science or History or Geography or English.</i> <i>A pass (at 65%) or a higher grade for the subject in the diploma results. (Year 12)</i></p>
Austria	<p>Reifeprüfungszeugnis (Matura) Reife- und Diplomprüfungszeugnis</p> <p>Additional requirements -English: <i>A pass or a higher grade for English in the diploma results (grades 1-3) or International test of English (see info 1 below)</i> -Subject knowledge of the main subject field that you are going to teach: <i>Mathematics or Science or History or Geography or English.</i> <i>A pass or a higher grade for the subject in the diploma results (grades 1-3)</i></p>
Belgium	<p>Diploma van Secundair Onderwijs Certificat d'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur</p> <p>Additional requirements -English: <i>A pass (at 65 / 6.5) or a higher grade for English in the diploma results or</i></p>

	<p><i>International test of English (see info 1 below)</i> -Subject knowledge of the main subject field that you are going to teach: <i>Mathematics or Science or History or Geography or English.</i> A pass (at 65/6.5) or a higher grade for the subject in the diploma results</p>
Brazil	<p>Certificado de Conclusão de 2° Grau Certificado de Conclusão de Ensino Médio</p> <p>Additional requirements -English: <i>International test of English (see info 1 below)</i> -Subject knowledge of the main subject field that you are going to teach: <i>Mathematics or Science or Geography or History or English.</i> A high grade for the subject in the diploma results</p>
Canada	<p>High School Diploma Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) Diplôme d' Études Secondaires (DES) Diplôme d' Études Collégiales (DEC)</p> <p>(recommended: 5 or 6 subjects from grade 12 (or equivalent))</p> <p>Additional requirements -English: No additional requirements --Subject knowledge of the main subject field that you are going to teach: <i>Mathematics or Science or Geography or History or English.</i> A pass (at 65%) or a higher grade for the subject in the diploma results.</p>
Chile	<p>Tecnico de nivel Superior or Tecnico Universitario Licencia de Educación Media/Licencia de Enseñanza Media (humanístico-científica) <i>only with good average results</i></p> <p>Additional requirements -English: <i>International test of English (see info 1 below)</i> -Subject knowledge of Mathematics or Science, Geography or History: A pass (at 60%) or a higher grade for the subject in the diploma results</p>
China	<p>Senior middle school graduation certificate (Gaozhong); Huikao examination average 75% or higher.</p> <p>Additional requirements -English: <i>International test of English (see info 1 below)</i> -Subject knowledge of the main subject field that you are going to teach: <i>Mathematics or Science or Geography or History or English.</i> A high grade for the subject in the diploma results</p>
Czech Republic	<p>Vysvědčení o Maturitní Zkoušce (Gymnázium)</p>

	<p>Additional requirements</p> <p><i>-English:</i> <i>International test of English (see info 1 below)</i> <i>-Subject knowledge of the main subject field that you are going to teach:</i> <i>Mathematics or Science or History or Geography or English.</i> <i>A good or excellent grade for the subject in the diploma results (grade 1 – 3))</i></p>
Denmark	<p>Studentereksamenbevis (STX) Bevis for Højere Forberedelseseksamen (HF)</p> <p>Additional requirements</p> <p><i>-English:</i> <i>A pass or a higher grade for English in the diploma results or</i> <i>International test of English (see info 1 below)</i> <i>-Subject knowledge of the main subject field that you are going to teach:</i> <i>Mathematics or Science or History or Geography or English.</i> <i>A pass (at 6.5) or a higher grade for the subject in the diploma results</i></p>
France	<p>Baccalauréat Général Baccalauréat Technologique Baccalauréat Professionnel</p> <p>Additional requirements</p> <p><i>-English:</i> <i>International test of English (see info 1 below)</i> <i>-Subject knowledge of the main subject field that you are going to teach:</i> <i>Mathematics or Science or History or Geography or English.</i> <i>A pass (at 11) or a higher grade for the subject in the diploma results</i></p>
Geographyy	<p>Abitur Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife</p> <p>Additional requirements</p> <p><i>-English:</i> <i>A pass or a higher grade for English in the diploma results or</i> <i>International test of English (see info 1 below)</i> <i>-Subject knowledge of the main subject field that you are going to teach:</i> <i>Mathematics or Science or History or Geography or English.</i> <i>A pass (at 3) or a higher grade for the subject in the diploma results</i></p>
India	<p>Standard XII diploma (academic stream): Intermediate Examination Certificate at 55% or above Higher Secondary School Certificate at 55% or above Year 12 HSC (= AS level) at 55% or above.</p> <p>Additional requirements</p> <p><i>-English:</i> <i>International test of English (see info 1 below) or</i> <i>Provide a previous qualification that confirms your English level</i> <i>-Subject knowledge of the main subject field that you are going to teach:</i> <i>Mathematics or Science or Geography or History or English.</i></p>

	<i>A pass (at 60%) or a higher grade for the subject in the diploma results</i>
Indonesia	<p>Surat Keterangan Hasil Ujian Nasional</p> <p>Additional requirements <i>-English:</i> <i>International test of English (see info 1 below)</i> <i>-Subject knowledge of the main subject field that you are going to teach:</i> <i>Mathematics or Science or Geography or History or English.</i> <i>A pass (at 60%) or a higher grade for the subject in the diploma results</i></p>
International baccalaureate	<p>IB Diploma Programme</p> <p>Additional requirements <i>-English:</i> <i>No additional requirements</i> <i>--Subject knowledge of the main subject field that you are going to teach:</i> <i>Mathematics or Science or History or Geography or English.</i> <i>A pass or a higher grade for the subject in the diploma results.</i></p>
Italy	<p>Diploma di Superamento dell'Esame di Stato Conclusivo dei Corsi di Istruzione Secondario Superiore (awarded by a Liceo)</p> <p>Additional requirements <i>-English:</i> <i>International test of English (see info 1 below)</i> <i>-Subject knowledge of the main subject field that you are going to teach:</i> <i>Mathematics or Science or History or Geography or English.</i> <i>A pass (at 80) or a higher grade for the subject in the diploma results</i></p>
Ireland	<p>Leaving certificate (at least 6 subjects; at least 2 subjects at higher level)</p> <p>Additional requirements <i>-English:</i> <i>No additional requirements</i> <i>-Subject knowledge of the main subject field that you are going to teach:</i> <i>Mathematics or Science or History or Geography or English.</i> <i>A pass (at B) or a higher grade for the subject in the diploma results</i></p>
Japan	<p>High School Certificate of Graduation (Sotsugyoshomeisho)</p> <p>Additional requirements <i>-English:</i> <i>International test of English (see info 1 below)</i> <i>-Subject knowledge of the main subject field that you are going to teach:</i> <i>Mathematics or Science or Geography or History or English.</i> <i>A pass (at 4) or a higher grade for the subject in the diploma results</i></p>
Korea (South)	Korean Senior High School Diploma

	<p>Additional requirements</p> <p>-English: International test of English (see info 1 below)</p> <p>-Subject knowledge of the main subject field that you are going to teach: Mathematics or Science or <i>Geography</i> or History or English. A pass (at Wu) or a higher grade for the subject in the diploma results</p>
Netherlands	<p>Havo-diploma Vwo-diploma</p> <p>Additional recommendations</p> <p>-English: <i>HAVO exam result for English: 7 or higher or VWO exam result for English: 6 or higher or International test of English (see info 1 below)</i></p> <p>-Subject knowledge of Mathematics or Science or History or Geography: <i>HAVO exam result for subject: 7 or higher or VWO exam result for subject: 6 or higher</i></p> <p><i>*Havo: Wiskunde B; VWO: Wiskunde A en/of B</i></p> <p>Applicants with a MBO-4 diploma are expected to have Havo-certificates for English and subject knowledge (grades 7 or higher). Ask for info at info.nl@ITESS.eu</p>
Nigeria	<p><i>GCE, O-level (at least 4 subjects with an endresult of at least A,B or C) + GCE, A-level (at least 2 subjects). All 6 subjects should be different subjects. Senior School Certificate (NECO) (a minimum of 6 subjects a or b or 1-4) West African Senior School Certificate (WAEC)(a minimum of 6 subjects 1-6 or A,B, C)</i></p> <p>Additional requirements</p> <p>-English: <i>International test of English (see info 1 below) or Provide a previous qualification that confirms your English level</i></p> <p>-Subject knowledge of the main subject field that you are going to teach: <i>Mathematics or Science or History or Geography or English. A pass (at A or B or equivalent) or a higher grade for the subject in the diploma results</i></p>
Norway	<p>Vitnemål Fra Videregående Skole</p> <p>Additional requirements</p> <p>-English: <i>A pass or a higher grade for English in the diploma results or International test of English (see info 1 below)</i></p> <p>-Subject knowledge of the main subject field that you are going to teach: <i>Mathematics or Science or History or Geography or English. A pass (at 4) or a higher grade for the subject in the diploma results</i></p>

<p>Pakistan</p>	<p>Higher Secondary School Certificate / Intermediate certificate with an end result of at least grade C Bachelor (Pass)</p> <p>Additional requirements -English: <i>International test of English (see info 1 below) or Provide a previous qualification that confirms your English level</i> -Subject knowledge of the main subject field that you are going to teach: <i>Mathematics or Science or Geography or History or Geography or English.</i> <i>A pass (at 60%) or a higher grade for the subject in the diploma results</i></p>
<p>Poland</p>	<p>Swiadectwo Dojrzalosci Liceum Ogolnoksztalcacego (General lyceum)</p> <p>Additional requirements -English: <i>International test of English (see info 1 below)</i> -Subject knowledge of the main subject field that you are going to teach: <i>Mathematics or Science or History or Geography or English.</i> <i>A pass (at 70%) or a higher grade for the subject in the diploma results</i></p>
<p>Russia</p>	<p>Attestat o Srednem (Polnom) Obshchem Obrazovanii</p> <p>Additional requirements -English: <i>International test of English (see info 1 below)</i> -Subject knowledge of the main subject field that you are going to teach: <i>Mathematics or Science or History or Geography or English.</i> <i>A good grade for the subject in the diploma results</i></p>
<p>South Africa</p>	<p>National Senior Certificate(with matriculation endorsement): five relevant subjects grade 4 or above</p> <p>Additional requirements -English: <i>International test of English (see info 1 below) or Provide a previous qualification that confirms your English level</i> -Subject knowledge of the main subject field that you are going to teach: <i>Mathematics or Science or History or Geography or English.</i> <i>A pass (at 5) or a higher grade for the subject in the diploma results</i></p>
<p>Spain</p>	<p>Diploma de Bachiller</p> <p>Additional requirements -English: <i>International test of English (see info 1 below)</i> -Subject knowledge of the main subject field that you are going to teach: <i>Mathematics or Science or History or Geography or English.</i> <i>A pass (at 7) or a higher grade for the subject in the diploma results</i></p>
<p>Sweden</p>	<p>Slutbetyg från Gymnasieskolan Additional requirements</p>

	<p><i>-English:</i> <i>A pass or a higher grade for English in the diploma results or International test of English (see info 1 below)</i></p> <p><i>-Subject knowledge of the main subject field that you are going to teach: Mathematics or Science or History or Geography or English.</i> <i>A pass (at 16) or a higher grade for the subject in the diploma results</i></p>
Turkey	<p>Lise Diplomasi with good grades, minimum GPA of 3.0 (60%)</p> <p>Additional requirements <i>-English:</i> <i>International test of English (see info 1 below)</i> <i>-Subject knowledge of Mathematics or Science or History or Geography:</i> <i>A pass (at 4.0) or a higher grade for the subject in the diploma results</i></p>
United Kingdom	<p>England General Certificate of Secondary Education 3 subjects at Advanced level (minimum grades BCC); 3 other subjects (BCC) Additional requirements <i>-English:</i> <i>No additional requirements</i> <i>-Subject knowledge of Mathematics or Science or History or Geography:</i> <i>A pass (at C) or a higher grade for the subject at Advanced level.</i> <i>If you want to study Geography, see Info 2 below for recommended entrance level</i></p> <p>Scotland Scottish Qualifications Certificate: 2 Advanced Highers plus 4 Highers (BC + BBCC) Additional requirements <i>-English:</i> <i>No additional requirements</i> <i>-Subject knowledge of Mathematics or Science or History or Geography:</i> <i>A pass (at C) or a higher grade for the subject at Advanced level.</i></p>
United States of America	<p>High School Diploma [SAT composite score: 1000 (Before 2016: composite score 1500) and 2 SAT subject tests or 2 AP examinations at minimum score 4]</p> <p>Additional requirements <i>-English:</i> <i>No additional requirements</i> <i>-Subject knowledge of the main subject field that you are going to teach: Mathematics or Science or History or Geography or English.</i> <i>A pass (at 4) or a higher grade for the subject in the AP examination or a pass or a higher grade for the subject in the SAT subject test.</i></p>

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International tests of English

All applicants from outside the European Economic Area (EEA) are required to submit one of the recognised English proficiency tests below. Exceptions are made for students, who have had their preparatory education in a country where English is the official working and educational language. (For example: USA, Canada, Australia)

Minimum results for recognised international tests:

- Academic IELTS 6.0 (with a minimum of 5.0 for each skill)
- TOEFL 550 (paper based), 213 (computer based) and 80 (internet based)
- Cambridge ESOL score CAE-C.

The language requirements for EEA students in Europe are the same as for Dutch students. If your diploma is listed below, the additional English language test is **not** required. (See also the [ITESS list of approved qualifications per country.](#))

Belgium (Flanders)

Diploma: Diploma van secundair onderwijs

Exam: Examen Algemeen Secundair Onderwijs, derde graad (ASO)

Diploma: Diploma van secundair onderwijs

Exam: Examen Kunst- en Technisch secundair onderwijs, derde graad (KSO/TSO)

Denmark

Diploma: Studentereksamenbevis (STX)

Exam: Studentereksamenbevis (STX)

Diploma: Bevis for Højere Forberedelseeksamen (HF)

Exam: Højere Forberedelseksamen (HF)

Geography

Diploma: Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife

Exam: Abiturprüfung Gymnasium

Diploma: Fachhochschulreife

Exam: Hochschulreifeprüfung Berufsoberschulen

Estonia

Diploma: Gümnaasiumi lõputunnistus

Exam: Riigieksamid Gümnaasium

Finland

Diploma: Ylioppilastutkintotodistus/Studentexamenbevis

Exam: Ylioppilastutkinto/ Studentexamen (Matriculation Examination)

Diploma: Matriculation Examination Certificate

Hungary

Diploma: Gimnáziumi Érettségi Bizonyítvány

Exam: Érettségi vizsga (Matura Examination)

Diploma: Szakközépiskolai Érettségi-képesítő Bizonyítvány

Exam: Érettségi vizsga (Matura Examination)

Latvia

Diploma: Atestāts par Vispārējo Vidējo Izglītību (Certificate of Secondary Education)

Exam: Centralizētais eksāmens (National Examination)

Lithuania

Diploma: Brandos Atestata (Maturity Certificate)

Exam: Brandos Egzamino (Final Matura Examination)

Luxembourg

Diploma: Diplôme de Fin d'Études Secondaires

Exam: Examen de fin d'études secondaires

Norway

Diploma: Vitnemal for Videregående Skole (Secondary School Certificate)

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Exam: Eksamen fellesfag ENG 1002/1003 (Vg1)

Exam: Eksamen programfag SPR3008 (Vg2), SPR3010 (Vg3), SPR3012 (Vg3)

Austria

Diploma: Reifezeugnis/ Reifeprüfungszeugnis

Exam: Reifeprüfung Allgemeinbildende Höhere Schule (AHS)

Diploma: Reife- und Diplomprüfungszeugnis

Exam: Reifeprüfung Berufsbildende Höhere Schule (BHS)

Romania

Diploma: Diploma de Bacalaureat

Exam: Examenul de Bacalaureat

Slovakia

Diploma: Vysvedčenie o Maturitnej skúške (received from a Gymnázium)

Exam: Maturita

Sweden

Diploma: Slutbetyg från Gymnasieskolan

Exam: Eksamen English 5, English 6, English 7

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