Dear Kathleen,

Greetings!

I would please like to comment on the revised English language skills standard.

Studying and finishing a nursing degree in a university in Australia requires a good command of the English language. I could attest to this based on the number of essays and other requirements for the nursing course I am into. One couldn't progress on with the nursing course unless the standards for each required subject are met. This would also include periodic examinations in English, lectures, presentations, etc.

Just to write a 2,000 word essay with the required literature review and Harvard referencing system is hard to master.

A good command of the English language and an in-depth understanding of the concepts taught in the course go hand in hand.

Finishing secondary school in an English speaking country like Australia isn't a guarantee for finishing a nursing degree. Going through the course requirements requires a lot of hard work and study. Knowing how to speak and write in English is just a first step. Finishing the course is another story.

Finishing a nursing degree in a university in Australia is a demonstration of English language proficiency based on the number of essays, research, examinations, presentations, etc. required before conferral of the degree. Besides, the standard for tertiary studies is higher than secondary studies.

These are just my thoughts.

Thank you very much.

Kind regards,

Ernesto :)