

# iTEP Academic-Plus—OPI (The Oral Proficiency Interview)

## ACTFL Speaking Assessment

	iTEP Academic-Plus	OPI
<b>Total Exam Time</b>	90 minutes (all five sections)	Approximately 20-40 minutes
<b>Skills Assessed</b>	Grammar, listening, reading, writing, and speaking	The OPI has five different test forms that measure proficiency from low to proficient (B1-C2). OPI is customized for each test taker according to information provided in a survey and self-assessment prior to taking the test.
<b>Target Age</b>	University level students	Secondary, higher education, and others
<b>Difficulty Level Tested</b>	Beginner to mastery	Beginner to proficient (B1-C2 on the CFER scale).
<b>Purpose</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate students' English ability for college and university admission purposes</li> <li>Place students in English language programs</li> <li>Perform pre- and post-course assessment</li> <li>Qualify candidates for scholarships and exchange program acceptance</li> <li>Evaluate language proficiency for placement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Admission and graduation requirements</li> <li>Place students in English language programs</li> <li>College credit</li> <li>Program evaluation and performance</li> <li>Teacher credentialing, research, and employment recruitment.</li> </ul>
<b>Delivery Format</b>	Internet	Computer delivered
<b>Security</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tests can only be administered at secured Certified iTEP Test Centers</li> <li>Certified proctors on-site; ensure that photo IDs match each test-taker</li> <li>Item Bank feature ensures that no test is replicated and that test items are secure by streaming the content live during the exam</li> <li>FotoSure™ software photographs the test-taker throughout the exam</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The OPI test is proctored by an authorized person, usually a member of the HR department or institution where the test is being administered.</li> <li>Test takers can also take the test through LTI's proctoring program when signing up for the test online.</li> </ul>
<b>Grading</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple-choice sections (Grammar, listening, reading) are evaluated by iTEP Grader Software</li> <li>Writing and speaking sections evaluated by native English speaking ESL trained professionals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Human graded by languages professionals.</li> </ul>
<b>Scoring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall score ranges from 0 to 6, with .1 level increments, as well as individual section scores, based on standardized rubric</li> <li>Scored linguistic sub-skill sections give a more detailed picture of skill level</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The OPI is rated using the ACTFL scale and the Interagency Language Roundtable. ILR reports between ILR 0 (No Proficiency) and ILR 3 (Professional Proficiency). OPI is also rated using CFER rating from A1 to C2.</li> </ul>
<b>Scheduling</b>	On-demand scheduling	On-demand scheduling
<b>Results Delivery Time</b>	Results returned within 24 hours	Available in a short period of time.
<b>Additional iTEP Benefits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iTEP partners can get immediate online access to all test results, as well as access to the submitted writing and speaking portions</li> <li>iTEP available in customized and modularized versions</li> <li>iTEP partners can utilize their premises to become iTEP test centers and administer the exam on-site</li> </ul>	