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## SLC first OET-accredited Premium Provider in Europe

Specialist Language Courses (SLC) is delighted to announce that we are the first English language training company in the UK and Europe to be accredited by the [Occupational English Test](#) (OET) as a Premium Provider of OET test preparation courses – one of only 5 worldwide.

The OET has just been announced by the [UK Nursing and Midwifery Council \(NMC\)](#) as an alternative to Academic IELTS as an English assessment for international nurses wishing to register to work in the UK. The OET is a test of Medical English with Nursing-specific tests of Writing and Speaking. Nurses in the UK need a Grade B, equivalent to a C1 or advanced level of English. Read our briefing on the differences between OET and IELTS [here](#).

SLC has spent many months going through a rigorous process with OET to ensure that our team is ready to prepare candidates for the test. Our accredited OET assessment and training programme prepares nurses by giving them the language and test techniques they need to achieve B in the 4 papers.

SLC's Head of Medical English, Virginia Allum, has been writing materials and coaching candidates for 6 years. She is ably supported by our Academic Director and teaching team – all very experienced test preparation specialists and examiners.

"I've been waiting for years for the OET to be finally recognised in the UK," commented Virginia, "So, I'm really pleased with the NMC decision and that nurses can now take a test of their clinical English to show they have the right language skills to work here in the UK."

Courses are taught by experts, and progress is reported and tracked using highly developed online systems. We work in close partnership with all our clients and learners to make sure the test results are the best they can be.

### For further information and comment

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### About Specialist Language Courses

SLC specialises in creating and delivering technical, academic and business English training programmes for learners worldwide. Much of our work is with the healthcare sector, where we work extensively with nurses, doctors and pharmacists. Clients include NHS Trusts, international healthcare recruitment companies, private healthcare groups and international medical universities.



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