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CAEL - Canadian Academic English Language Assessment Or	60

2. Successfully completing the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program offered jointly by Confederation College and Lakehead University. For more information, see Admission Requirements, V Requirements for

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Students applying to enter a graduate program, who have previously withdrawn from a graduate program, must apply for readmission to the program and pay the application fee. Students will be credited with previous courses completed and work undertaken towards completion of program requirements at the discretion of the academic unit. The academic unit may decline to allow previously completed courses to be credited towards the graduate program applied for and/or may require a previous dissertation topic to be changed in whole or in part. The academic regulations and program requirements in effect at the time of re-admission shall apply. The allowable time-to-completion will include all previous terms in the program. Students who have reached their time limit in the program at the point of re-admission must complete the program within three consecutive terms.

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The academic regulations and program requirements in effect at the time of re-admission shall apply. If the student is returning to his/her previous program, and had not exceeded his/her period of study, the remaining terms will be available upon readmission. The allowable time-to-completion will include all previous terms in the program. Students who have reached their time limit in the program at the point of re-admission

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Graduate Assistantship (GA) eligibility is attached to a student rather than the program being studied and students may only hold a doctoral GA position to a maximum of six terms in total. GA eligibility does not reset with the completion of or withdrawal from a doctoral program. Students who completed a doctoral degree at Lakehead University and are applying to a new doctoral program, students who withdraw from a doctoral program and subsequently are readmitted to the same program, or students who partially complete a doctoral program and are admitted to a new doctoral program are only eligible to hold GA positions up to six terms regardless of the number of admissions (or readmissions) to doctoral programs.

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Without forfeiting full-time status, a graduate student, while still under supervision, may be absent from the university (e.g. visiting libraries, doing field work, attending a graduate course at another institution) provided that, if any such period of absence exceeds four weeks in any one term, written evidence shall be available in the Office of Graduate Studies to the effect that the absence has the approval of the supervisor and the Graduate Coordinator of the academic unit.

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CONTINUANCE OF REGISTRATION

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Students wanting to complete their program must apply for re-admission and pay the application fee.

WITHDRAWAL FROM PROGRAM

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Students are expected to complete all requirements within a minimum of nine terms (3 years) to a maximum of fifteen terms (5 years) of continuous full-time registration. Candidates must meet a minimum residency of nine terms, all of which must be consecutive.

Educational Studies:

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A Maternal/Parental Leave of Absence will be granted to students who are either biological or adoptive parents, while they are caring for a newborn or newly-adopted child of any age. These leaves will be considered up to a three term limit per pregnancy or adoption. There is no maximum number of Maternal/Parental leaves.

Requests for Leaves of Absence will be considered on an individual basis on the recommendation of the student's academic unit to the Leave/Extension Committee, which will in turn make a recommendation to the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council. The decision to accept, vary, or reject a request lies solely at the discretion of the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council, without right of appeal.

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A request for a retroactive Leave will not normally be considered. The Leave of Absence Request must normally be submitted in or during the term **PRIOR TO** the Leave. Leaves of Absence are granted per term and therefore start and end at the beginning and end of a term.

A student is eligible for a maximum of three Leaves of Absence (four at the PhD level) in addition to an unlimited number of Maternal/Paternal leaves, provided that no single Maternal/Paternal Leave extends beyond three consecutive terms. If additional time away is required (more than the three-term limit), the student is advised to withdraw from the program and apply for re-admission at a time more suitable for completion.

While on a Leave of Absence the student **WILL NOT** have access to University faculty, laboratory or other facilities. Library access will be restricted to that of the general public.

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B 70 to 79%

Fail 1 to 69%

F Academic Dishonesty 0

INC Incomplete

(see University Regulations, V Standing)

MINIMUM SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC STANDING

To maintain registration, a doctoral student must achieve and maintain a minimum academic standing of a 'B' overall average in their courses at all times. A mark of less than 70% in a Doctoral course constitutes failure and such a course (half or full course) may not be repeated. A student whose academic performance does not meet the minimum standing will be required to withdraw from the program.

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INC Incomplete

(see University Regulations, V Standing)

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