



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **OET gains new recognition in the Philippines**

OET, the world's only international English language test specifically for healthcare professionals, is now accepted by ATS Learning Center in Makati, Philippines. This new recognition closely follows OET's acceptance last month by Ateneo De Davao University's School of Nursing.

ATS Learning Center assists nurses in developing the skills to pass the UK's Test of Competence that is required for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC). This includes a computer-based multiple-choice test (CBT) and an observed structured clinical examination (OSCE).

Karen Joyce Jimeno, Training Officer ATS Learning Centre said:

“Overseas qualified nurses who want to join the UK register have to meet NMC's English language standards through the Occupational English Test (OET). Thus, we require evidence that an applicant is eligible for this criterion before we accept him or her for any of our training programmes.”

OET CEO Sujata Stead said she was very pleased to welcome another education institution from the Philippines to the OET family.

“Filipino nurses are known throughout the world for their exceptional standards of care and compassion, and are in high demand. Those nurses who have achieved the required OET scores for NMC registration have proven their ability to communicate effectively in an English-speaking healthcare environment and are well on their way to achieve their dream with ATS of working in the UK.”

OET has been recognised by the NMC since October 2017. The healthcare regulator requires nurses to score a B in the OET Listening, Reading and Speaking sub-tests and a C+ in Writing.

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**About OET**

OET is an international English language test that assesses the language communication skills of healthcare professionals who seek to register and practise in an English-speaking environment.

OET results are accepted by healthcare regulators in the USA, the UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Dubai, Singapore, Malta, Namibia and Ukraine as proof of English language proficiency. The test is also recognised in Australia and New Zealand for visa and immigration purposes, while doctors and nurses in the UK are not required to take a separate English language test when applying for a Tier 2 (General) visa if they have provided OET results as proof of English proficiency to their healthcare regulator.

OET is available at more than 430 venues throughout the world. For more information visit <http://www.occupationalenglishtest.org>.

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