Before a graduate student is formally admitted to the University of Iowa, the DEO, DGS or designate conducts a preliminary evaluation of oral competence through a conversation.

Will graduate student be immediately involved in instructional mission?

No

Admission may be warranted, provided there is a clear expectation of satisfactory oral competence by the start of the second year.

Did the evaluation through phone conversation conducted by the DEO, DGS or designate result in a preliminary determination that the graduate student is orally competent?

No

Stop, and please don’t issue TA offer letter.

Yes

Score of at least 26 on Internet Based TOEFL Speaking subtest?

No

Is English the graduate student’s first language?

No

From talking to the student, can you tell that English is not the student’s first language?

No

In DEO’s opinion, is the graduate student orally competent?

No or can’t tell

ESL’s intervention is not needed, but DEO is accountable for determining oral competence.

Yes

Call Maureen Burke to determine how to proceed.

Yes

Issue TA offer letter.

Yes

Send graduate student to ESL for testing.