SPEAK Test for International Students

The SPEAK test is the institutional version of the Test of Spoken English (TSE), a test designed by the Educational Testing Service to assess speaking skills. The SPEAK test is frequently used to evaluate the spoken English of international TAs. This test is available only to students holding or under consideration for a teaching assistantship. SPEAK test scores cannot be sent to or accepted from other educational institutions.

International students who have had at least two full-time semesters of graded course work at an English-speaking institution do not have to take the SPEAK test. International students who score a 26/30 or higher on the speaking section of the iBt TOEFL test are exempt from taking the SPEAK test and are eligible to teach with no further English language testing requirements.

For more information and a sample SPEAK test see http://www.english.wisc.edu/esl/itatraining-speak.htm