

Language Courses

Language Instruction has been an integral program for CIES since 1988. We offer courses for all levels of English including non-literate ESL training and LINC programs.

LINC program

Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) has been offered by CIES since 1991. LINC is free for newcomers to Canada and provides a uniform quality of language training across the country. At present we offer twenty - two LINC classes every day from **Literacy class, LINC level 1 to LINC level 5** including seven full-time classes and fifteen part-time classes in the mornings, afternoons and evenings.

REGULAR LINC CLASSES

Skills emphasized: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing
Levels: Literacy, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Schedules:

Full-time:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 8-45 A.M. -2.30 P.M.

Part-time morning:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8.45 A.M.-11.55 A.M.

Part-time afternoon:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 2.35 P.M. -5.45 P.M.

Part-time evening:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 6.00 P.M. -9.10 P.M.

Note 1: If you need advice about which class to choose, our staff may be able to help you in the following languages:

Arabic, Cantonese, Tagalog, English, French, Hindi, Mandarin, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Spanish.

Note 2: To attend our LINC classes, you need to go first to ILVARC.

ILVARC-Immigrant Language and Vocational Assessment-Referral Centre is authorized to administer the Canadian Language Benchmarks tests. Their address is:

Room 1401, 910-7th Avenue S. W.

Calgary, Alberta T2P 3N8

Tel.: (403) 262-2656

They will assess your level and write a referral for you. You will then bring the referral to our school and will be placed in one of our classes.

Note 3: There is an on-going intake for our LINC classes; this means you can start your class at any time after you have been assessed by ILVARC unless there is no space available at that time. In the latter case you will be put on a waiting list and we will call you as soon as we have a seat for you.

Note 4: Childminding is available, free of charge, to LINC students with children between 19 months to 6 years old.

Drop-In ESL Program

The *Drop-In ESL* program is designed to help immigrants improve their overall communication skills in English language. Weekly themes and practical subjects relate directly to Canadian culture, daily living and employability skills, which help the immigrants integrate into Canadian society more smoothly. Three different levels of classes are offered; pre-basic, basic and intermediate/advanced. In addition, this 4-month, part-time ESL program allows those participants who hold full-time jobs, or whose language skills are not high enough to enroll in formal academic institutes such as SAIT an opportunity to polish their language skills and prepare themselves for further study or to search for better employment. This program also attracts the participants who wish to learn English for personal enjoyment and gives people a chance to interact with others from various ethnic groups or cultures.

Schedule	
Continuous intake	
afternoon classes	1.30 - 4 p.m
evening classes	6- 8.30 pm
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	

Fee: \$40 for 4 months of studying (for Canadian residents, citizens, refugees or refugee claimants)

For more information, contact Eva Su, manager of ESL & Volunteer Programs, or Rachel Stapfer, ESL Coordinator, at 403-235-3666.

This program receives funding from Alberta Employment and Immigration.

Literacy and Basic English Program

The *Literacy and Basic English* program introduces the basics of English language to non-literate participants who are predominantly recent immigrants. This 10 week (100 hour) program helps the participants acquire basic essentials for learning the English language. The completion of the *Literacy and Basic English* program will minimize language-learning obstacles experienced by some individuals and will ready them for basic conversation, recognition of words as well as resulting in eligibility for attending further English programs. Moreover, the implementation of this program will improve the participants' self-esteem and confidence when speaking the English language.

Schedule	
<p>Sessions April 13 – June 18, 2009 June 22 – August 27, 2009 August 31 – November 5, 2009 November 9 /09– January 28, 2010 February 1- April 8, 2010</p> <p><u>Second Evening Class</u> May 4 – June 29, 2009 June 30 – August 25, 2009 August 31 – November 5, 2009 November 9/09- January 28, 2010 February 1 – March 29, 2010</p>	<p>Hours Morning: 9:30 -12 noon Afternoon: 12:30 -3 pm Evening: 6 - 8:30 pm</p>

All classes are free for Canadian residents, citizens, refugees or refugee claimants

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Volunteering

Volunteers are the ambassadors of Canada because they introduce not only English language but also Canadian culture to newcomers to Canada.

Volunteers contribute significantly and are making a difference in the newcomers' lives.

Our volunteers' dedication and contributions allow us to provide even more comprehensive services to our clients. Volunteering opportunities including translating, working with our ESL students one to one or in a small group, being a teacher assistant and teaching a class of 6~12 students. Other non-ESL related volunteering opportunities are also available such as office assistants and computer related work. Training workshops, which cover various teaching strategies and issues, are conducted at our Society by the manager of the Drop-In ESL program. In addition, the volunteers are informed about and encouraged to attend volunteer training workshops organized by Bow Valley College.

We would like to thank all of the Calgarians who are currently volunteering or have volunteered in the past with us to help new immigrants find a sense of belonging in Canada through improved overall communication skills and better understanding of Canadian culture.

Hours of Volunteering	
Drop-In ESL Volunteer Tutor: once a week for 2.5 hours	
Afternoon: 1.30 - 4 pm	Evening: 6-8:30 pm
Writing tutor: flexible hours	
Reading tutor: flexible hours	
LINC Assistant: flexible hours	
Office Assistant: flexible hours	
Computer Assistant: flexible hours	
Career Counseling: flexible hours	

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For scheduling information and more details on our language course, check our [Language Course Schedule](#). Details are available for any course by clicking in the course title.