

Continuing Education (part-time) English as a Second Language (ESL)



Continuing Education ESL programming can help you strengthen your personal, professional, and academic English language skills through a combination of compulsory and elective courses. Whether you are a low-beginner or an advanced-level student, you will have the opportunity

to develop a variety of communication skills including reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Our student-centered courses aim to expand your knowledge, build your confidence, and provide valuable experiences along the way.



Compulsory and elective courses

There are many ways to customize the ESL learning experience to your needs by selecting courses that will help you to reach your goals.

- **Compulsory courses:** Required courses that must be completed to fulfill the certificate requirements as well as the prerequisites for elective courses.
- **Elective courses:** Optional courses that focus on specific topics like 'Pronunciation and Fluency', 'Listening and Persuasive Speech', and 'IELTS Exam Preparation'.



English as a Second Language (R901) certificate

You can earn an ESL certificate by completing several required compulsory and elective courses. This program is for all learners looking to improve their English skills for academic, professional or personal purposes.

Program Overview

- 📏 **Levels:** 8 total – from low beginner to advanced
- 🕒 **Duration:** 6 weeks (50 hours) per course
- 📅 **Starting months:** January, May, and September

- 📄 **Delivery:** Hybrid model; there is a combination of in-person and online instruction, and independent online studying
- 📋 **Entry requirement:** IELTS (academic), TOEFL (iBT), or on-campus placement test



Pathway to other Continuing Education ESL certificates

After completing several required compulsory and elective courses you can meet the entry requirements for **English for Professional Success (R902)** or **Continuing Education ESL Pathway to GBC Certificates and Diplomas (R903)**. For more information about these programs, scan the QR code at the bottom of this page.



Applying to degrees, graduate certificates, accelerated and fast-track programs

Most degree, graduate certificate, accelerated and fast-track programs require the completion of level 9 of the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program. Upon completing the Continuing Education ESL Pathway to GBC Certificates and Diplomas (R903) program, you will enter level 8 of the full-time EAP program and need to complete level 9 to meet English proficiency requirements with no additional English testing for most academic programs. Check the admission requirements on the program page for specific details.



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ESL Pathways between Continuing Education part-time and EAP full-time

You can move between the part-time and full-time ESL options to meet your educational needs and preferences. Once you've completed either two levels of part-time Continuing Education ESL or one level of full-time English for Academic Purposes (EAP), you are able to register in the next level of either program to continue your learning.

From EAP full-time to Con Ed part-time

Complete EAP Level	Enter Continuing Education ESL Levels
1	IC high beginner + IIA low intermediate
2	IIA low intermediate + IIB intermediate
3	IIB intermediate + IIC high intermediate
4	IIC high intermediate + IIIA low advanced
5	IIIA low advanced + IIIB advanced

From Con Ed part-time to EAP full-time

Complete Continuing Education ESL Levels	Enter EAP Level
IA low beginner + IB beginner	2
IC high beginner + IIA low intermediate	3
IIA low intermediate + IIB intermediate	4
IIB intermediate + IIC high intermediate	5
IIC high intermediate + IIIA low advanced	6
IIIA low advanced + IIIB advanced	7

