

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) PROGRAMS

This section contains information about English language courses either full or part time which may be offered as Language Instruction for New Canadians (LINC) funded by the federal government, ESL training funded by Alberta Works and other programs offered by immigrant serving agencies and neighbourhood groups. For some of these programs learners may be eligible to receive Alberta Works funding. Check with the training provider for details.

ESL Directory of Programs and Services for Immigrants and International Students in Calgary <http://www.immigrantservicescalgary.ca/esl-directory>

Academy of Learning – Calgary

North East (NE): Ste. 260, 495 – 36 St. NE, Calgary, AB T2A 6K3

South (S): #220, 8228 MacLeod Trail S., Calgary, AB T2H 2B5

www.academyoflearning.ab.ca

Some learners may qualify for Alberta Works funding.

English Proper (ESL)

Contact: Brady Sylvester

Ph: 403-569-8973 (NE)

Email (NE):

calgaryne@academyoflearning.ab.ca

Ph: 403-252-8973 (S)

Email (S):

calgarys@academyoflearning.ca

Fax: 403-569-1085 (S)

Small class groups.

Full-time or part-time classes.

New students are required to take the placement test.

This program helps students master English as a second language with an innovative six level curriculum in accordance with the Canadian Language Benchmarks.

The highly qualified staff use the integrated-skills approach where language abilities are combined with the vocabulary, grammar and Canadian culture. Critical thinking and improvisation is encouraged through genuine interaction and authentic communication.

General English Courses:

Introductory

Basic

Intermediate

Advanced

English for Academic Purposes

English for Specific Purposes:

TOEFL Preparation

Reading Skills

Academic Writing

Listening and Speaking

Pronunciation

Technical English Courses:

English for Medicine

English of Computing

English for International Banking and Finance

Business English

English for the Tourism Industry

Professional English for Law

Professional English for Management

Professional English for Marketing

Professional English for Accounting

Secretarial English

Trades English Courses

Academy of Learning – High River

#2, 28 – 12 Ave. SE, High River, AB T1V 1T2

www.academyoflearning.ab.ca

Some learners may qualify for Alberta Works funding.

English Proper (ESL)

Contact: Brenda Lackey

Ph: 403-652-2116

Fax: 403-652-1492

Email:

academyoflearning@highriver.net

This program helps students master English as a second language for general use, career requirements and IELTS test preparation.

- English Success! General
- English Success! ESP (for specific careers; example: Healthcare)
- English Success! IELTS
 - Academic IELTS Test Preparation
 - General IELTS Test Preparation

Agapé Language Centre

Beddington Pentecostal Church, 16 Bermuda Dr. NW, Calgary, AB T3K 1H7

www.agapelanguagecentre.com

ESL Adult English Classes

Contact: Karen Kajorinne

Ph: 403-516-1846

Fax: 403-516-1946

Email: agapenw@telus.net

Continuous Intake

This program assists Clients to improve their English and understanding of Canadian Culture. These are small interactive classes with excellent, caring teachers. Classes integrate listening, speaking, reading and writing for all levels and Bible Studies. Regular school terms are six and/or twelve weeks long with 30 hours of instruction per course.

LINC Program

Continuous Intake

For part-time LINC 2, 3 and 4. Individuals must be assessed by ILVARC.

Bow Valley College (AFA)

Rocky Mountain Plaza, Room 400, 615 MacLeod Tr. S, Calgary, AB T2G 4T8

North Campus: 332 - 6 Ave. SE, Calgary, AB T2G 4S6

<http://www.bowvalleycollege.ca>

A wide variety of ESL classes are offered which help learners acquire language needed for living, working and studying in Canada. Classes run all year, including summer.

To apply and /or register:

- **In person** to North Campus 3rd Flr., Registrar's Office, 332 – 6 Ave SE
Mon – Thurs: 8:00 am – 7:00 pm; Fri: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
- **By Phone:** 403-410-1400

Location of Classes: Most classes are held at Rocky Mountain Plaza, but some are held at the North Campus.

This training provider has signed an Accountability Framework Agreement (AFA) with Alberta Human Services (HS) and is responsible for ensuring that all Skills Investment funded learners they accept into their programs have been assessed and need training in order to obtain employment. Training providers may only recommend applications for funding for learners entering programs contained in the training provider's approved Skills Investment Plan as part of the AFA.

Some learners may qualify for Alberta Works funding.

Bridge Program

Contact: Diane Hardy

Ph: 403-410-3409

Mon-Thur 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

This program is for ESL learners between the ages of 18 and 25 who have not completed high school because of interrupted education in their native country. Offered is small group instruction that is age and content appropriate and develops the study and life skills necessary for success. A program entry assessment is required for placement.

English for New Pathways (ENP) and English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

Contact: Grant Sorensen
Ph: 403-410-3423
Mon-Thurs 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

English for New Pathways (ENP) prepares learners for English for Academic Purposes and career bridging programs. Students learn skills required for success in college classrooms and the workplace. For example, computer skills, reading and paraphrasing authentic text, note-taking, and giving presentations. Applicants must achieve acceptable scores on the admission test, have a high school education and Canadian Language Benchmarks of 6,7,7,7 or higher.

English for Academic Purposes (EAP) focuses on skills needed for success in college and university programs. For example, understanding challenging texts, maximizing comprehension of lectures, writing well-developed essays and reports and participating in group discussions, seminars and presentations. Applicants must achieve acceptable scores on the admission test, have a high school education and Canadian Language Benchmarks of 7,8,8,8 or higher.

To receive information about funding, applicants can visit the Prospective Student Office in Room 362 or call 403-410-1402.

Full-time LINC, EI/EI Reachback & Work Foundations Grant Funded Learners

Contact: Grant Sorensen
Ph: 403-410-3423 OR
Terri Huck
Ph: 403-355-1907 OR
Diane Hardy
Ph: 403-410-3409
Full-time classes run for 16 weeks.

Literacy and Benchmarks 1-3:

- Mon-Fri
8:00 am – 12:30 pm

Benchmarks 4-6

- Mon-Fri
12:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Youth in Transition:

- Mon-Thurs
9:30 am – 3:30 pm

All full-time classes are offered at are offered at Literacy through Advanced levels. Students eligible for LINC training require a referral from ILVARC. Students who have not been referred by ILVARC must make a testing appointment by contacting Registration on the 3rd Floor of Main Campus at Ph: 403-410-1400.

This program is for learners between the ages of 18 and 24 years who must be LINC eligible and have a referral from ILVARC. Classes are available at CLB Levels 3-6.

Part-Time LINC

Contact: Grant Sorensen
Ph: 403-410-3423 OR
Terri Huck
Ph: 403-355-1907
Classes run for 16 weeks.

- Day Classes:
9:30 am – 12:30 pm
or 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm
- Evening classes:
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Students eligible for LINC training require a referral from ILVARC. Part-time LINC classes are available in two programs: LINC Reading, Writing and Grammar (benchmark levels 3 to 5) and LINC Listening and Speaking (benchmark levels 3 to 6).

ESL Part-Time Programs

Contact: Terri Huck
Ph: 403-355-1907

A variety of classes are offered at beginner to advanced levels. These classes focus on helping students improve grammar, pronunciation, reading and writing, and listening and speaking. TOEFL Preparation, IELTS Preparation, Speaking Professionally and Writing Professionally courses are also offered.

Computer Enhanced ESL Literacy

Contact: Diane Hardy
Ph: 403-410-3409

This course supports learners with low-level literacy skills to learn reading, writing, computer skills and develop employment and personal management skills. This program is funded by Alberta Advanced Education and Technology through Calgary Learns.

ESL International Program

Contact: International Education Office
Ph: 403-410-3476
Email:
international@bowvalleycollege.ca

Year-round students are welcomed to this program where students at intermediate or higher levels of English proficiency study under the guidance of highly skilled instructors on a full-time basis.

Higher level classes offer students the opportunity to specialize their language skills for continued academic study. Success in these levels offers students the opportunity to continue their studies in other Bow Valley College Programs, SAIT or at the university level. Additionally, students are given the opportunity to participate in social and cultural activities which will assure they experience all that Calgary and Southern Alberta has to offer.

Bow Valley College: Bow Corridor

Canmore Campus: 800 Railway Ave., Canmore, AB T1W 1P1

Banff Campus: In the YWCA – 102 Spray Ave., Box 520, Banff, AB T1L 1A6

<http://www.bowvalleycollege.ca/canmore.html>

English Language Learning classes are offered which help learners acquire language needed for living, working and studying in Canada. Classes run in the fall, winter and spring at both campuses.

For information and/or registration:

- **In person:** At the Canmore Campus in the Provincial Building, 800 Railway Ave., Canmore, AB
- **By phone:** 403-678-3125

Part-Time LINC

Contact: Cari-Ann Roberts
Ph: 403-355-1908 OR
403-678-3125
Email:
croberts@bowvalleycollege.ca

Students eligible for LINC training require a referral from ILVARC. Part-time LINC classes are available at different levels and different times at each campus.

Morning and afternoon classes run for 10 weeks.

English Language Learning Classes

Contact: Cari-Ann Roberts
Ph: 403-355-1908 OR
403-678-3125
email:
croberts@bowvalleycollege.ca

These classes focus on improving learners' listening, speaking pronunciation, reading and writing.

Evening classes run for 8 weeks.

Bow Valley College: Okotoks/High River

Okotoks Campus: 14 McRae St., Okotoks, AB T1S 1B5

High River Campus: 111 MacLeod Tr. W, High River, AB T1V 1Z5

<http://www.bowvalleycollege.ca>

English Language Learning classes are offered to help learners improve their communication skills for the workplace. Classes run in the winter and spring.

For information and/or registration:

In person: 14 McRae St., Okotoks, AB

By phone: 403-603-0009

By email: cfinnie@bowvalleycollege.ca

English Language Learning Classes

Contact: Corinne Finnie

Ph: 403-603-0009

Email:

[cfinnie@bowvalleycollege.c](mailto:cfinnie@bowvalleycollege.ca)

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Classes run for 8 weeks.

Speaking Professionally and Writing Professionally courses are planned for 2012.

Bow Valley College's Regional Stewardship program is working to bring new English Language Learning opportunities to communities in the region around Calgary. For more information, contact Cari-Ann Roberts, ESL Team Lead at croberts@bowvalleycollege.ca or 403-355-1908.

Calgary Catholic Immigration Society (CCIS)

3rd Flr., 120 – 17 Ave. SW, Calgary, AB T2S 2T2

Ph: 403-262-2006

Fax: 403-262-2033

www.ccis-calgary.ab.ca

LINC (Language Instruction for New Canadians)

Contact: Kahkashan

Maqsood, LINC

Coordinator

Ph: 403-817-6475

Email:

lc@ccis-calgary.ab.ca

Continuous Intake

Schedules:

Morning:

Full-time 9:00 am – 2:45 pm

Part-time 9:00 am – 11:30 am

Part-time 12:15 pm – 2:45 pm

Evening:

Full-time 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Part-time 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Part-time 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Seniors' Class:

Sat 9:00 am – 11:30 am

A range of classes are offered to meet a variety of needs, from beginner English and literacy enrichment, to conversation classes. Material is taught to the national standards provided by the Canadian Language Benchmarks. This program offers ten-week sessions in the summer and twelve week sessions throughout the year. Services provided include:

- Beginner and intermediate instruction
- Full-time and part-time classes
- Conversation
- Listening and speaking
- Reading and writing
- Literacy
- Assistance in accessing resources in the community, such as health clinics, retail and educational sites, businesses and recreational facilities
- Guest speakers from community
- Field trips to community venues
- Referrals within CCIS or to other institutions for further training or employment services
- Use of computer for listening and reading practice
- Child care for pre-school children

The ESL teaching staff is highly qualified and experienced professionals accredited by the association of Alberta Teachers of English as a Second Language (ATESL). This program follows the Best Practices Guidelines as set out by ATESL.

Calgary Immigrant Educational Society (CIES)

1723 – 40 St. SE, Calgary, AB T2A 7Y3

Ph: 403-235-3666

Fax: 403-272-7455

ESL Drop-In Program

Contact: Kerry Huang,
Manager of ESL/ Volunteer
Programs

Tel: 403-235-3666 ext 205

Email:

eslvolunteer@immigrant-education.ca

4 months/part-time

Days: 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Evenings: 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Continuous Intake

These drop-in classes help immigrants improve their overall English proficiency levels. Weekly themes and practical subjects directly related to daily living and employability skills help ESL drop-in participants adapt and integrate more smoothly into Canadian society. Three different levels of classes are offered: pre-basic, basic and intermediate/advanced. In addition, this program allows those participants who hold full-time jobs or whose language skills aren't high enough to enroll in formal academic institutes, such as SAIT, an opportunity to polish their language skills and prepare themselves for future studying or prospect of better employment. This program also attracts participants who wish to learn English for personal enjoyment and get a chance to interact with people from various ethnic groups or cultures. Average wait time is between 2.5–3.5 months for afternoon classes and 3-5 months depending on levels for evening classes.

Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC)

Contact: Dr. Sally Shifeng
Zhao, LINC Manager

Email: linc@immigrant-education.ca

Classes are:

- Full-time
- Part-time: morning, afternoon and evenings

Federally funded LINC ESL classes help immigrants and refugees improve their overall English language skills including reading, writing, speaking and listening through practical themes and meaningful instruction. The program also assists students integrating smoothly into Canadian Society. LINC participants must **not** be Canadian citizens and must be assessed and referred by Immigrant Language Vocational Assessment Referral Centre (ILVARC). Childcare is provided at no cost to participants.

Literacy and Basic English

Contact: Crystal MacMillan,
ESL Program Coordinator

Tel: 403-235-3666 ext 203

Email:

literacyandconversation@immigrant-education.ca

10-week, 100-hour program
/part-time

Days: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm OR
12:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Evenings: 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Call for Intake Dates

This program is designed specifically for immigrants who are non-literate in the English language or need literacy support. Their English language skills are too low to be enrolled in federally funded LINC classes or other ESL programs. This program will help adult immigrants acquire basic essentials for learning the English language. Program completion will minimize language-learning obstacles experienced by some individuals and will ready them for basic conversation and recognition of English alphabet and words. It also focuses on improving participants' self-esteem and confidence when speaking the English language. Average wait time is 2.5 months.

There are no restrictions on immigration status or length of residency. Open to both men and women.

Calgary Immigrant Women's Association (CIWA)

#200, 138 - 4 Ave. SE, Calgary, AB T2G 4Z6

Ph: 403-263-4414

Fax: 403-264-2914

www.ciwa-online.com

Pebbles in the Sand ESL Literacy for Women

Contact: Eva Szasz-
Redmond

Ph: 403-263-4414 ext 113

Email: language@ciwa-online.com

14-week programs

Call for Intake dates.

This innovative ESL Literacy program is designed for immigrant women with less than seven years of education and their children. Based on the REFLECT Mother Manual, it aims to address the literacy and empowerment needs of immigrant women using a community development approach. Classes are held in communities throughout the city and childcare activities are held on-site free of charge. Eligible participants are immigrant and refugee women with little or no literacy skills who are facing barriers accessing mainstream programs and services. A screening interview will be conducted with each participant and a Canadian Language Benchmarks Literacy Assessment (CLBLA) must be completed at ILVARC 403-262-2656. Indicate Pebbles in the Sand as your program of choice in order for ILVARC to refer you to the program. Pebbles' staff can facilitate the ILVARC assessment process by assisting the Client if needed.

Locations

Calgary Church of Christ (2 classes)
4030 Maryvale Dr NE &
Marlborough Way NE

Covenant Church
50 Millrise Blvd SW

First Baptist Church
513 – 13 Ave SW

Knox United Church
506 – 4 St SW

Robert McClure United Church
(2 classes)
5510 – 26 Ave NE

St. Michael's Catholic Community
4718 Worcester Dr SW

The Salvation Army, Forest Lawn
(2 classes)
3720 – 19 Ave SE

New Friends and Neighbourhood Groups

Contact: Marilee Campbell

Ph: 403-444-1752

Email: marileec@ciwa-online.com

This program provides conversational ESL groups with an opportunity to make new friends while practicing their English.

Evening Group

CIWA Office, #232, 138 – 4 Ave. SE

Wed 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Continuous year round

Beddington Group

Beddington Church (Agape Language Centre)
16 Bermuda Dr NW
Tues 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Catherine Nichols Group

Catherine Nichols Gunn Elementary School
6625 – 4 St NE
Wed 9:15 am – 11:15 am

Connaught Group

Co-Op Midtown Market (Grocery Store)
11 St and 11 Ave SW, 2nd Floor
Tues 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Edgemont Group

Calgary Housing Edgemont Complex
224 Edgeburn Lane NW
Wed 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Glenbrook Group

Abundant Life Church
3325 – 49 St SW
Thurs 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Keeler School Group

Keeler Elementary School
4807 Forego Ave SE
Thurs 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Montgomery Group
New Life Evangelical Free Church
4712 – 21 Ave NW
Wed 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Shaganappi Group
Shaganappi Public Library
3415 – 8 Ave SW Basement Theatre
Tues 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

University Group
Women's Resource Centre
MacEwan Hall Room 318
University of Calgary
Thurs 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Varsity Group
Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church
4612 Varsity Dr NW
Tues 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Village Square Group
Village Square Public Library
2623 – 56 St NE
Thurs 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Willow Park Group
Fish Creek Public Library
11161 Bonaventure Dr SE
(South Centre Mall)
Tues 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

LINC

Contact: Marcela Alfonso,
LINC Coordinator
Ph: 403-263-4414 ext 122
Email:

marcelaa@ciwa-online.com

Continuous Intake
Part-time mornings,
afternoons or evenings.

Note: There are no classes
on Mondays. No cost to
students. Classes are for
women only.

Calgary Immigration and Citizenship (CIC) funds this program. CIWA's SMILE childcare program offers free on-site childcare to LINC students. Staff are professional caregivers who prepare age-appropriate activities to support the cognitive, emotional, linguistic and social development of the children. Specialty classes are also available to LINC students only.

Students must be assessed for their LINC eligibility, as well as their linguistic levels, by the Immigrant Language and Vocational Assessment and Referral Centre (ILVARC) before joining the program. Indicate CIWA as your LINC school of choice when doing your assessment at ILVARC to ensure referral to CIWA. Appointments for assessments can be made by calling ILVARC at 403-262-2656.

CIWA Main Office

#200, 138 – 4 Ave SE, Calgary
Morning classes:
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Afternoon classes:
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Evening classes:
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

The classes range from pre-LINC level to an intermediate level of English. In the three-hour class students learn about their new country, Canada, their community and the services available to them in addition to the ELS curriculum. Guest speakers from the community are invited into the classes and field trips are organized throughout the year. Student progress is assessed using the Canadian Language Benchmarks.

Chinese Seniors Association

#208, 114 – 3 Ave. SE,
Calgary
Classes for Chinese Seniors
only.
Mon-Thurs
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Centre for Newcomers

#1010, 999 – 36 St. NE, Calgary, AB T2A 7X6

www.centrefornewcomers.ca

LINC Program

Contact: Cindy Colman

Ph: 403-537-8803

Email:

c.colman@centrefornewcomers.ca

Part-time Program:

Morning: Mon – Fri

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

(Most classes have a waitlist of 1-6 months)

Fifteen hours/week

Afternoon: Mon – Thurs

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

(Several classes have a waitlist of 1-2 months)

Eight hours/week

Evening: Mon, Wed, Thurs

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

(Several classes have a waitlist of 2-4 months)

Six hours/week

Full-time Program:

Mon – Thurs

9:00 am – 2:45 pm

Fri 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

(All classes have a waitlist of 1-6 months)

23 hours/week

Funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada, this program is available to immigrants and refugees over the age of 16. To determine eligibility for LINC, Clients must make an appointment for the Canadian Language Benchmarks Assessment at ILVARC 403-262-2656. Following the assessment, Clients will be required to make an appointment with an ILVARC counselor to determine eligibility for LINC and to discuss programming options. Limited Childcare is provided for daytime classes (children 2-5 years of age; waiting list is 4-8 months). Classes include listening, speaking, reading, writing, grammar, pronunciation and Canadian culture. The program focuses on communication. Students also learn basic computer skills, using current ESL software and have access to the Internet. Higher level classes also focus on communication in the workplace and job search skills.

Chinook Learning Services (AFA) - Tuxedo Park Campus

130 - 28 Ave. NE, Calgary, AB T2E 2A8

www.chinooklearningservices.com

This training provider has signed an Accountability Framework Agreement (AFA) with Alberta Human Services (HS) and is responsible for ensuring that all Skills Investment funded learners they accept into their programs have been assessed and need training in order to obtain employment. Training providers may only recommend applications for funding for learners entering programs contained in the training provider's approved Skills Investment Plan as part of the AFA.

Some learners may qualify for Alberta Works funding.

ESL Program

Contact: Anne O'Byrne

Ph: 403-777-6330 ext 4

Email:

apobyne@cbe.ab.ca

Full-time or part-time

These courses prepare learners for success in further education, training programs or employment. There are eight levels from low intermediate to advanced. Core courses help learners improve their listening, speaking, reading, writing and grammar skills. Skill courses focus on a specific language skill for remediation and reinforcement.

Accelerated Academic Preparation

Full-time
14-week Intakes offered three times per year

This program provides an alternative entrance requirement into:

- career programs at SAIT (in lieu of TOEFL and English 30-1 or 30-2);
- programs at Bow Valley College as an equivalent to EAP 3;
- programs at DeVry.

LINC Program

Contact: Sally Scholefield
Ph: 403-777-6821
Continuous Intake
Full-time days
Part-time mornings and evenings

Funded by the Government of Canada, this program has been designed to help learners develop basic English skills. Eligibility is determined by ILVARC and there are no fees.

- Eight full-time classes, LINC 3 to 5, located at Viscount Bennett Centre, 2519 Richmond Rd SW, Calgary. Child-minding is available.
- Two part-time morning classes (LINC 1 and 2) and two part-time afternoon classes (LINC 2 and 3/4) located in the Marlborough area. Child minding is available.
- Six part-time evening classes (LINC 1-5) at Viscount Bennett Centre, 2519 Richmond Rd SW, Calgary.

Young Adult LINC Program

Continuous Intakes

Available for full-time students aged 18 to 24, this program offers basic and intermediate ESL with a focus on curriculum to meet needs of young adults. Eligibility determined by ILVARC (LINC 3-5). Located in the Calgary Achievement Centre for Youth (CACY), 315-10 Ave. SE, Calgary.

Columbia College (AFA)

802 Manning Rd. NE, Calgary, AB T2E 7N8
www.columbia.ab.ca

This training provider has signed an Accountability Framework Agreement (AFA) with Alberta Human Services (HS) and is responsible for ensuring that all Skills Investment funded learners they accept into their programs have been assessed and need training in order to obtain employment. Training providers may only recommend applications for funding for learners entering programs contained in the training provider's approved Skills Investment Plan as part of the AFA.

Some learners may qualify for Alberta Works funding.

English as a Second Language Program

Ph 403-235-9300
Email:
admissions@columbia.ab.ca
Full-time or part-time
Intake: Monthly

This program meets the unique language, learning, and employment needs of immigrant adults. Upon completion of the program, students may enter an academic upgrading program, post-secondary education, a career-training program, or they may go directly to employment.

Courses are offered at most levels of proficiency in English from level 200 to level 800. Students may advance individually in each of the main strands of reading/ writing, listening/speaking, and grammar. Students have an option of taking additional courses in basic computer skills or pronunciation. Students who require Mathematics in order to reach their career goal will have this courses added to their ESL program. Tutoring is available to help students achieve academic success.

To assist students to find work, they may take an employment strategies course and a work experience course during part of their program.

Students are accepted on a continuous basis with courses starting at the beginning of each month. All ESL students receive career counselling in order to develop a clear career path and a realistic career goal. A student's program may vary in length depending on their individual needs.

LINC 1,2,3
Ph: 403-235-9300

This program serves recent immigrants to Alberta by helping them learn the English language skills needed to live, find employment and study in Canada. Classes are offered at a variety of Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) levels. Students of different English proficiency can progress at their own rate, with literacy support and tutoring available outside the classroom.

Prospective students are referred to the program by ILVARC (403-262-2656) while funding support is provided by Citizenship and Immigration.

English as a Second Language Literacy Program

Ph: 403-235-9300

Email:

admissions@columbia.ab.ca

Full-time or Part-time

Intake: Monthly

This program is for individuals who are learning English as a Second Language and who are not functionally literate in their own language for a variety of reasons. Students are accepted at Phase I-III. A student may have some characteristics of the Foundation Phase, but would have the skills to hold a pencil, write some words, etc. Progress through this program is varied it is not uncommon for students to move in and out of ESL Literacy and mainstream ESL classes. Students are accepted on a continuous basis with courses starting at the beginning of each month. All ESL students receive career counselling in order to develop a clear career path and a realistic career goal.

Pre-Employment LINC 3 & 4

Ph: 403-235-9300

This new stream is available to provide students with the opportunity to take part in supported employment or work experience. The program incorporates classroom direct instruction, where students receive instruction in general language acquisition, specific language training in workplace communication, support in developing an employment portfolio and basic instruction in computer skills. Clients meet with an employment advisor who provides additional one-on-one support in developing the necessary skills to seek, obtain, and retain employment. Prospective students are referred to the program by ILVARC (403-262-2656) while funding support is provided by Citizenship and Immigration.

Equilibrium International Education Institute (AFA)

707 - 14 St. NW, Calgary, AB T2N 2A4

www.equilibrium.ab.ca

This training provider has signed an Accountability Framework Agreement (AFA) with Alberta Human Services (HS) and is responsible for ensuring that all Skills Investment funded learners they accept into their programs have been assessed and need training in order to obtain employment. Training providers may only recommend applications for funding for learners entering programs contained in the training provider's approved Skills Investment Plan as part of the AFA.

Some learners may qualify for Alberta Works funding.

ESL (English as a Second Language) Program

Contact: Rachel Stapfer

Ph: 403-283-1111

Email:

school@equilibrium.ab.ca

Intake: Monthly (the beginning of each month)

Daytime classes:

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Intensive language instruction is offered in all English language skills: speaking (pronunciation), listening, reading and writing. It is suitable for non-native speakers who seek English language training for academic, professional use, the ability to participate in the community or being more effective on the job. It is set up on three levels of proficiency: beginner, intermediate and advanced.

Learners are advised to book appointments for application and assessment sessions to apply. All learners interested in receiving financial assistance will need to start the application process at least one month before the start day of the program.

**Accent Reduction for
Workplace (ARW)
Program**

Intake: Monthly

This program is designated for professionals seeking work in Canada for whom English is a second language. It is recommended for students with a minimum of CLB level 7 in all categories, as well as a post-secondary education in their country of origin. The program is geared towards workplace specific vocabulary and allows students to work on the target pronunciation. Students are expected to greatly reduce the foreign accent from their spoken English that otherwise makes it very difficult for them to find employment in Canada.

The goal is to help students communicate effectively, verbally, in English in common everyday situations as well as improve their knowledge of workplace specific vocabulary for their chosen field of employment. Students are taught how to use different language tools to effectively pronounce any new words. The program equips students with knowledge on how to continue accent reduction by self-study after completion of the course.

This program provides students with personal attention that addresses the uniqueness of every student's accent. It also addresses every student's unique accent by in-depth diagnostic testing that is conducted by a teacher. This allows us to get straight to the accent difficulty specific to each and every student enrolled in the program.

Immigrant Services Calgary

#1200 , 910 - 7 Ave. SW, Calgary, AB T2P 3N8

www.immigrantservicescalgary.ca

**Citizenship Preparation
Classes**

Contact: Claudia Mejia
Ph: 403-265-1120 ext 275
Fax: 403-266-2486

Three different course levels:

- 5 consecutive weeks with one 3-hour class per week
- 2 consecutive weeks with one 3.5-hour class per week
- one 3.5-hour class

These classes are designed to help immigrants understand and prepare for the Citizenship Test as well as foster a sense of Canadian identity and belonging in the community.

**English Proficiency
Assessment For Clients
Referred by HS-Funded
Contractors**

Contact: Carmen Yu
Ph: 403-538-8345
Email:

CarmenY@immigrantservicescalgary.ca

This service provides Canadian Language Benchmarks Assessments to eligible immigrants and refugees for HS-funded programs. They are to be referred by a funded contractor or HS staff member. The assessment will be used to determine eligibility/suitability for programs. The person being referred for the assessment must have a referral form.

**Immigrant Language and
Vocational Assessment –
Referral Centre (ILVARC)**

#1401, 910 – 7 Ave SW
Calgary, AB T2P 3N8
Ph: 403-262-2656
Fax: 403-294-1173
Email:

ilvarc@immigrantservicescalgary.ca

By appointment only

All immigrants who wish to access federally funded LINC (Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada) training must be assessed and referred by ILVARC. The assessment determines the Client's English proficiency and first language literacy as well as their eligibility for LINC and ESL programs. The Client is then referred to the most appropriate LINC/ESL program. Assessment and referrals will also be conducted for other vocational or language training needs.

**Settlement and
Integration Services
Workshops**
Ph 403-265-1120

Classes are provided on topics such as community resources, employment, health and legal issues. Call for schedule, topic and language of instruction.

Maple Leaf Academy

#200, 731 - 6 Ave. SW, Calgary, AB T2P 0T9
www.mapleleafacademy.com

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

Contact: Erva Sherwood
Ph: 403-262-8851
Email:

maple@mapleleafacademy.com

12 weeks (300 hours)
Call or visit website for
semester dates.

This preparation course is for "After LINC" students who require a successful TOEFL test as a pre-requisite for acceptance into post secondary institutions or professional organizations. Successful applicants will have a Canadian Language Benchmark of 6 or higher and pass the Maple Leaf Academy assessment test.

Students will become familiar with the TOEFL test format as they practice taking tests comparable to the actual TOEFL test. Instruction will be given in academic level Listening, Speaking, Reading, Structure, and Essay Writing.

Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC)

Call 403-262-2656 for
assessment and referral or
course dates.

Full-time classes are offered in
the daytime from 9:00 am to
3:00 pm (12 weeks).

Evening part-time classes are
offered from 5:30 pm to
8:00 pm (10 weeks).

This course is free to all *qualifying* newcomers to Canada. Qualifications are determined by the Immigrant Language and Vocational Assessment-Referral Centre (ILVARC).

Instruction is provided in all skill strands of the English language - Listening/ Speaking, Reading, Writing and Grammar. Classes are offered from beginning levels of English instruction through LINC graduation.

Mosaic Learning Institute

#120, 1040 - 7 Ave. SW, Calgary, AB T2P 3G9
Email registration inquiries to info@masaicli.ca
Ph: 403-266-2355
Fax: 403-267-8766
www.mosaicli.ca

IBTOEFL Preparation Course

- **Listening/Reading Sections**
- **Speaking/Writing Sections**
Call for dates.

This TOEFL preparation course is for English as a Second Language (ESL) learners who are at a high intermediate stage of second-language acquisition with a Canadian Language Benchmark score of 6 or above. It is designed to provide formal instructional support to ESL learners who want to develop the language skills and strategies that will enable them to be successful on the Next Generation iBT TOEFL test.

The course consists of two five-week sections (40 hrs/section):

- Each section will prepare learners for two of the language skills tested by the TOEFL exam.
- There will be three classes per week: two evenings from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm and one Saturday mornings from 9:00 am to 12 pm (8 hrs/week).
- The entire course (two sections) will be 80 hours over 10 weeks.

Cost: \$400/Section

Language, Literacy and Essential Skills for Employment (LLESE)

Each semester is six months long.
Continuous Monthly Intakes with Ongoing Registration
Mon-Thurs 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Funding is available to those who qualify through Alberta Human Services (HS).

This is a full-time, tuition-based English as a Second Language (ESL) employment preparation program. The goal is to help students progress in achieving their Individual Career & Training plan by providing English-language training that has a practical application to common workplace contexts. Students complete the program with increased language and literacy skills in addition to an increase in their Workplace Essential Skills.

The program curriculum place emphasis on:

- Academic Language Skills Development
- Literacy Skills Development
- Workplace Essential Skills
- Cross-Cultural Communication Skills

These elements will provide learners with a greater chance of being successful in finding and maintaining employment in the Canadian workplace.

Mount Royal University (MRU) (AFA)

4825 Mount Royal Gate SW, Calgary, AB T3E 6K6

<http://ask.mtroyal.ca> for answers to common questions

This training provider has signed an Accountability Framework Agreement (AFA) with Alberta Human Services (HS) and is responsible for ensuring that all Skills Investment funded learners they accept into their programs have been assessed and need training in order to obtain employment. Training providers may only recommend applications for funding for learners entering programs contained in the training provider's approved Skills Investment Plan as part of the AFA.

Some learners may qualify for Alberta Works funding.

Languages Institute

Ph: 403-440-5100

Email:

international@mtroyal.ca

****English as a Second Language (ESL)**

English Foundations 1, 2 and 3 focus on general language development and emphasize listening and speaking skills for inside and outside the classroom, as well as writing, reading and grammar skills. **These classes are not suitable for new beginners.**

****English for Academic Purposes (EAP)**

EAP Levels 1 to 3 focus on academic preparation for students who plan to enter university, college or technical school or take a standardized English exam such as TOEFL. The program includes academic reading and writing, more advanced grammar, and listening and speaking in an academic setting. Graduates of EAP Level 3 with an 80% (B Grade) average satisfy the language proficiency requirement for diploma, degree and university transfer programs at MRU.

****English for Advanced Communication (EAC)**

EAC Levels 1 and 2 help students develop high intermediate to low advanced oral fluency and accuracy. The core program (three days per week) emphasizes listening, speaking and reading, and also teaches writing and grammar. The modules (two days per week) focus on specialized language skills such as pronunciation, idioms or job interview skills.

Part-time Programs

- TOEFL Prep/IELTS
- ESL Reading/Writing
- Excellence in Spoken English
- Listen Up!
- Speak Up!
- Tune Up! Your Pronunciation
- Business English
- IELTS Tutorial – Online
- Academic Vocabulary – Online

SAIT Polytechnic (AFA)

1301 – 16 Ave. NW, Calgary, AB T2M 0L4
www.sait.ab.ca/

This training provider has signed an Accountability Framework Agreement (AFA) with Alberta Human Services (HS) and is responsible for ensuring that all Skills Investment funded learners they accept into their programs have been assessed and need training in order to obtain employment. Training providers may only recommend applications for funding for learners entering programs contained in the training provider's approved Skills Investment Plan as part of the AFA.

Some learners may qualify for Alberta Works funding.

English Language Foundations (ELF) Upgrading

Ph: 403-210-4045

Email:

english.language@sait.ca

Assessment (CLBA)

This assessment is offered for applicants applying for study in a SAIT program. It is a proficiency-based assessment that measures performance in listening/speaking, reading and writing. Applicants receive a score profile documenting their performance on the CLBA. A minimum of six months is required between CLBA assessments.

English Language Foundations Program (ELF)

If students plan to take a SAIT certificate, diploma or applied degree program, this program will prepare them for a successful transition.

- It is a five-level (10 courses), credit-based academic English preparation program.
- It is a fast-track program with each level being eight weeks in length.
- It is a competency-based program where students are required to demonstrate their skills in order to advance.
- Completion of level 5 satisfies SAIT's proficiency requirement where students can go directly into a career program at SAIT.
- It uses the CLBA/CLBPT to determine the level of entry into the program. A CLBA/PT score of six months or less is acceptable (teacher assessed scores are not accepted).
- The level for listening/speaking and reading/writing may be different. One level of difference is allowed between skill areas.
- Each level includes a SPCH (listening/speaking) and a COMM (reading/writing course). Skills are incorporated to prepare intermediate level students to participate in mainstream work and study environments.
- It welcomes both immigrant and international students.
- It is Skills Investment Plan (SIP) funding eligible.

ELF Evening / Con Ed Sept, Jan, May

This daytime program is offered in the evening as continuing education.

University of Calgary

2500 University Drive NW, Calgary, AB T2N 1N4

www.ucalgary.ca

English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Program

www.ucalgary.ca/eap

Contact:

Dr. Anuradha Sengupta,
Faculty of Education,
EDC 170, Education Block
Ph: 403-220-3277
Fax: 403-210-8554
Email: eapp@ucalgary.ca

This is the only University of Calgary program that prepares academically qualified students to meet the 'English Language Proficiency Requirement' for admission to the University of Calgary's undergraduate and graduate degree programs. It allows prospective students to meet the 'English Language Proficiency Requirement' to support their applications for admission. This is a one-year program consisting of three tiers with 260 hours of instruction per term. Courses offered are writing (10 hours), reading (5 hours) and listening/speaking (5 hours) per week. EAP also offers seminars for graduate students and local professionals to enhance their academic speaking and writing skills.

English Language Program (ELP)

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/esl/>

Contact: Yassin Boga,
Continuing Education
Ph: 403-220 – 3301
Fax: 403-210 – 8610
Email: esl@ucalgary.ca

This program offers university level ESL courses. These are 13-week, multi-course ESL programs, 4-week intensive Summer ESL courses and 10-week part-time evening courses. The evening ESL classes which include TOEFL test preparation and Canadian Pronunciation are for adults who are speaking and reading at an intermediate or advanced level. All new students must write a placement test to determine their course level.

Writing Support Services

Student Success Centre

<http://ucalgary.ca/ssc>

Ph: 403-220-7789

Email:

cmsopcza@ucalgary.ca

Free one-to-one tutoring is provided for students at all levels of their University career. Students can book appointments to visit the Centre for help with organizing papers, developing thesis statements, writing clear sentences and improving their grammar. Drop-in writing assistance will be available in the library.

YMCA Calgary

North LINC: Saddletowne YMCA – 7556 Falconridge Blvd. NE, Calgary, AB

South LINC: Shawnessy YMCA – 333 Shawville Blvd. SE, Calgary, AB

Fax: 403-313-3160

www.ymcocalgary.org

Part-time LINC – Days

Contact: Priscilla Lee, LINC

Administrative Assistant

Ph: 403-537-2714

Email: plee@calgary.ymca.ca

Continuous Intake

Two Semesters:

Sep-Jan & Feb-Jun

Mornings or Afternoons

Part-time 12 hours/week

LINC Levels 2-5. English instruction is offered in all areas with a focus on Canadian culture, society and life skills.

LINC-eligible adult immigrants and refugees.

No fee for participants.

Offered at both locations:

- Levels 2-5 at South LINC

- Levels 2-4 at North LINC

Child minding available for Level 3 at North LINC.

**Part-time LINC –
Evenings**

Contact: Priscilla Lee, LINC
Administrative Assistant
Ph: 403-537-2714
Email: plee@calgary.ymca.ca
Continuous Intake
Two Semesters:
Sep-Jan & Feb-Jun
Mon, Tues, Thurs:
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Part-time 7.5 hours/week

LINC Levels 2-4. English instruction is offered in all areas with a focus on Canadian culture, society and life skills.
LINC-eligible adult immigrants and refugees.
No fee for participants.
Offered at North LINC only.

Full-time LINC

Contact: Priscilla Lee, LINC
Administrative Assistant
Ph: 403-537-2714
Email: plee@calgary.ymca.ca
Continuous Intake
Three Semesters:
Sep-Dec, Jan-Mar &
Apr-Jun
Mon-Thurs 9:00 am – 2:30 pm
Fri 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Full-time 23 hours/week

LINC Levels 2 to 4 English instruction is offered in all areas with a focus on Canadian culture, society and life skills.
LINC-eligible adult immigrants and refugees.
No fee for participants.
Offered at North LINC only.
Child minding available for Levels 2-4.

YWCA of Calgary (Downtown Office)

320 – 5 Ave. SE, Calgary, AB T2G 0E5
www.LearnEnglishatYWCAofCalgary.net

**English for New
Canadians (ENC)**

Daytime and Evening classes
Four yearly terms:
Jan, Apr, Jul, Sep

Classes are offered in Communication, Reading and Writing, Pronunciation and Fluency, Social Conversation, General ESL and Literacy Skills. Most are offered at the Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced levels. In addition, "Learn English at the Library" classes are offered at eleven public library locations throughout Calgary and at the Calgary Jewish Seniors residence.

**LINC (Language
Instruction for
Newcomers to Canada)**

Ph: 403-232-1583
Full-time or part-time with the
schedule paralleling ENC
terms

LINC classes are offered in conjunction with Immigrant Language and Vocational Assessment Referral Centre (ILVARC). Students with Pre-CLB to CLB 5 are eligible for classes.