

ESL Program - Information

English as a Second Language courses are available through the Basic and Transitional Studies Program. The Basic and Transitional Studies office is located in R130 and the general phone line is: 425-564-2171.

Students interested in these courses should have a college or career goal in addition to a language acquisition goal. This program is very popular and space is limited. Please read the following information carefully and complete the **Am I Ready?** Checklist located at the bottom of the page:

ELIGIBILITY:

Students are eligible to enroll in ESL classes if they meet all the following criteria:

- Are 18+ and not currently enrolled in high school
- Are a citizen, refugee or immigrant
- Do **NOT HAVE** one of the following Visas:
 - Exchange Visitor (J-1)
 - Student Visa (F-1/M-1)
 - Visitor Visa (B-1/B-2)

ACCESS:

Students are accepted on a first-come, first served basis. Students should:

- Understand there is no guarantee of class placement
- Be available to attend one or more uninterrupted quarters
- Be prepared to do homework and attend regularly
- Understand they will be dropped for multiple absences

PLACEMENT:

Students are tested prior to being placed into class. Some students may have maximum test scores. The students who have maximum test scores will not be placed in an ESL class, but will be directed to other educational options.

Vocational Counselors- We do not provide testing services for clients that do not have an intent to enroll in a class.

SCHEDULE:

Students' class assignments are based on their test results. The ESL Program offers morning and evening classes. **HOWEVER**, students need to be flexible as the program cannot always accommodate students' individual schedules to specific class times.

COST:

There is a \$25 refundable registration fee for ESL classes. Students that enroll but are unable to attend qualify for a refund. Students who attend, but have to drop the class do not qualify for a refund.

THE FIRST STEP

To start the process, students should first determine if our program will work for their educational and career goals. Then, they should visit our office for the most up-to-date information. Our office is open Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm and is located in R130.

AM I READY? Checklist

- ┆ I am a citizen, immigrant or refugee
- ┆ I have a college or career goal I would like to accomplish
- ┆ I am 18+ and am not enrolled in high school
- ┆ I do not have any of the following Visas:

Exchange Visitor (J-1)

Student Visa (F-1/M-1)

Visitor Visa (B-1/B-2)

┆ PARKING:

Visitor/Daily Metered parking lots **12, 16, and Parking Garage Level 5** are open to visitors Monday – Friday from 6:00 am – 3:00 pm except weekends and holidays. The cost to park is \$2. To view a [campus map](#), go to the Bellevue College web site, select Maps and Directions, select Maps.

CHILDCARE:

Call 425-564-2240 for information about childcare. There is no free childcare. You can visit their office in the Q building or get more info on the [Childcare website](#):

OTHER ESL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:

PREPARING FOR WORK, ON THE JOB COMMUNICATION, and WORKING IN ENGLISH are free classes for people who live in Bellevue and who are able to work in the U.S. In these classes, you will practice your English and learn important work skills that will help you get a job. These classes are 3 or 4 hours per week, Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 - 7:20 pm OR on Saturday from 9:00 am – 12:50 pm. Contact this program at: 425-564-2723

I-BEST: Earn college credits and improve your English! I-BEST combines study in college level credit classes while enrolled in ESL. Earn a short term certificate for Office Assistant or Accounting Preparation. For advanced ESL levels 5 and 6. This is a great program to start on a career pathway or your college goals! For more information call (425)564-2363.

For students with the following Visas: Exchange Visitor visa (J-1) or a Student visa (F-1/M-1) or a Visitor visa (B-1/B-2), please contact the English Language Institute (425-564-2521) to ask for a schedule of their English classes.

OTHER ESL PROVIDERS

HOPELINK: 425-250-3007

[JUBILEE REACH](#): 425-746-0506

[JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES](#): 425-643-2221

[ELLA](#) (English Language Learners Alliance): 425-312-3552

KING COUNTY LIBRARY: 425-450-1765