

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

Adult Basic Education Center - Part Time ESL Program

English as a Second Language (ESL) classes at ECC are for non-native speakers of English. In ESL classes, students practice reading, writing, listening, and speaking in English. Teachers and college support staff help students build skills for work and everyday life. Students from any language, group, or nationality are welcome. All classes are taught in English.

To enroll in ESL classes, you must be at least 16 years old and not currently enrolled in high school. If you are under 18, you must show documents that prove you are not required to attend high school under Illinois law.

Adults who live in Illinois and are not on a limited or temporary visa may enroll in ABEC's free ESL classes. Adults on temporary visas, such as student, visitor, or au pair visas, cannot enroll in the free program because of federal rules. A **tuition-based Intensive English program** (<https://catalog.elgin.edu/degree-programs-certificates/intensive-english-program/>) is available for English language learners on these visas.

To get started, visit Building K or apply online at elgin.edu/adulteducation. All students take a placement test so they can be placed in the right class level. New students also attend an orientation to learn about the program and ask questions.

ESL classes are offered on campus and at other locations in the district. Online classes are also available. These classes do not count toward a college degree or certificate.

Beginning ESL Instruction

Beginning ESL classes help English language learners build basic skills in English. Students practice reading, writing, speaking, and understanding spoken English. Classes also help students improve basic math and computer skills. Students learn about their rights and responsibilities in their community. After finishing the high beginning level, students may leave the program or move on to intermediate ESL classes to prepare for work or further study.

Intermediate ESL Instruction

Intermediate ESL classes help students prepare for college or a career. Students continue to improve their skills in reading, writing, speaking, listening, math, and technology. They also learn academic and job-readiness skills. After completing the high intermediate levels, students may choose to earn a high school equivalency certificate, enter career or job training, move into advanced ESL classes, or

enter the workforce. An academic advisor is available to help students plan their next step.

Advanced ESL Instruction

Advanced ESL classes prepare students for college-level courses. In these classes, students focus on academic reading, writing, speaking, listening, and technology skills needed to be successful in college classes.

After completing the advanced ESL levels, students are ready to enroll in college degree programs. Students who plan to move into college are encouraged to take the College Transitions for ESL Learners course. To enroll in this course, students must receive a recommendation from ESL faculty or staff. Students in this course must also enroll in a transferable college credit class.

After successfully completing the College Transitions for ESL Learners course, students may receive a tuition waiver for one three-credit-hour college class. To qualify, students must live or work in the district.

Stevens Amendment (FY26): Approximately \$620,695 (37%) of the Illinois Adult Education and Literacy Program cost at Elgin Community College is federally funded under Title II, Adult Education and Family Literacy of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014.

ESL 010 Beginning ESL Literacy (.5-6) .5,0

Beginning ESL Literacy is for individuals who have little or no knowledge of English but are literate in their first language. At this level, students will begin to acquire basic speaking, listening, writing, reading, math, and technology skills so that they are able to participate in simple everyday interactions in the community and classroom. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$0 (effective 2026/27 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Must be a non-native speaker of English who needs to work on basic skills. A placement test and departmental consent are required. Students on certain types of visas may not qualify for the program.

Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer

ESL 011 Low Beginning ESL (.5-6) .5,0

Low Beginning ESL is for individuals with minimal knowledge of English but who are literate in their first language. At this level, students will improve their English literacy by building their speaking, listening, writing, reading, math, and technology skills. At the end of the course, students should be able to participate in simple common community interactions. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

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Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer

ESL 012 High Beginning ESL A (.5-6) .5,0

(.5-6,0) High Beginning ESL A is for individuals with some knowledge of English who are literate in their first language. At this level, students will develop skills in speaking, listening, writing, reading, math, and technology. Students will also participate in workforce preparation activities that will enable them to be successful outside of the classroom. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

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Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer

ESL 013 High Beginning ESL B (.5-6) .5,0

(.5-6, 0) High Beginning ESL B is for individuals with a limited knowledge of English grammar and vocabulary. At this level, students will develop skills in speaking, listening, writing, reading, math, and technology. Students will also participate in workforce preparation activities that will enable them to be successful outside of the classroom. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$0 (effective 2026/27 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Must be a non-native speaker of English who needs to work on basic skills. A placement test and departmental consent are required. Students on certain types of visas may not qualify for the program.

Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer

ESL 014 Low Intermediate ESL (.5-6) .5,0

(.5-6, 0) Low Intermediate ESL is for individuals who have a foundation in English grammar and vocabulary, and who demonstrate proficiency in expressing everyday needs.

At this level, students will develop writing proficiency while increasing vocabulary as they complete authentic forms, write short notes, and compose short paragraphs. Students will develop critical reading skills with fiction and nonfiction texts. They will strengthen their oral communication skills through practice in a variety of contexts. This course is repeatable 3 times (1.9)

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Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer

ESL 015 High Intermediate ESL A (.5-6) .5,0

(.5-6, 0) High Intermediate ESL A is for individuals who have a strong foundation in English and who are able to demonstrate oral and writing proficiency in expressing everyday needs. At this level, students will learn how to deliver short oral presentations and compose short written informational texts about a variety of texts, topics, or events. Students will also develop critical reading and listening skills with short written and spoken works. They will strengthen their oral skills through extensive practice in a variety of contexts. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$0 (effective 2026/27 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Must be a non-native speaker of English who needs to work on basic skills. A placement test and departmental consent are required. Students on certain types of visas may not qualify for the program.

Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer

ESL 016 High Intermediate ESL B (.5-6) .5,0

(.5-6, 0) High Intermediate ESL B is for individuals who have a strong foundation in English and who are able to demonstrate oral and writing proficiency in expressing everyday needs. At this level, students will deliver short oral presentations and compose short written informational texts about a variety of topics or events. Students will develop critical reading and listening skills with short written and spoken works. They will strengthen their oral skills through extensive practice in a variety of contexts. This course is repeatable 3 times.(1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

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Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer

ESL 017 Advanced ESL A (.5-6) .5,0

Advanced ESL A is for individuals who are proficient in English but need to prepare for academic programs at the collegiate level. At this level, students will improve their skills in speaking, listening, writing, reading, math, and technology in preparation for entry into a college program. Students will also practice the learning skills and habits necessary for success in academic settings. This course is repeatable 3 times.(1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$0 (effective 2026/27 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Must be a non-native speaker of English who needs to work on basic skills. A placement test and departmental consent are required. Students on certain types of visas may not qualify for the program.

Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

ESL 018 Advanced ESL B (.5-6) .5,0

Advanced ESL B is for individuals who are proficient in English but need to prepare for academic programs at the collegiate level. At this level, students will improve their skills in speaking, listening, writing, reading, math, and technology in preparation for entry into a college program. Students will also practice the learning skills and habits necessary for success in academic settings. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$0 (effective 2026/27 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Must be a non-native speaker of English who needs to work on basic skills. A placement test and departmental consent are required. Students on certain types of visas may not qualify for the program.

Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

ESL 019 College Transitions for ESL Learners (.5-6) .5,0

College Transitions for ESL Learners is for individuals who are proficient in English but need support transitioning to academic programs at the collegiate level. At this level, students will improve their skills in speaking, listening, writing, reading, math, and technology while being co-enrolled in a college class. Students will also practice the learning skills and habits necessary for success in academic settings. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$0 (effective 2026/27 academic year)

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Semester(s) Offered: Spring

ESL 020 High Beginning ESL Speaking B (.5-6) 3,0

(.5 or 6, 0) This course is for individuals who would like to improve their oral English skills to meet a level of confidence for daily usage. Students will participate actively in classroom activities to improve both listening comprehension and communication skills to express every day needs while learning new vocabulary and phrases. Students who do not meet exit requirements may repeat the course. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$0 (effective 2026/27 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Must be a non-native speaker of English who needs to work on basic skills. A placement test and departmental consent are required. Students must be co-enrolled in a High Beginning ESL class to take this supplementary course. Students on certain types of visas may not be eligible for the program.

Semester(s) Offered: Varies

ESL 021 High Intermed ESL Speaking/Listening B (.5-6) .5,0

(0.5 or 6, 0) This course is for individuals who are enrolled in a high intermediate ESL class but would like more support and practice in developing their listening and speaking skills. Students will gain confidence in speaking and pronunciation through active participation in classroom activities, including informal speeches/reports to class. Students who do not meet exit requirements may repeat the course. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$0 (effective 2026/27 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Must be a non-native speaker of English who needs to work on basic skills. A placement test and departmental consent are required. Students must be co-enrolled in a High Intermediate ESL class to take this supplementary course. Students on certain types of visas may not be eligible for the program.

Semester(s) Offered: Varies

ESL 022 Advanced ESL Speaking (3-6) 3,0

(3 or 6, 0) This course is for individuals who are strong with written English but want to participate more effectively with speaking skills in work, classroom and social situations. Student will participate in classroom discussions, community research and self-assessment to foster skills of continual improvement in spoken English ability. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$0 (effective 2026/27 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Placement test

Semester(s) Offered: Varies

ESL 023 High Beginning ESL Writing (3-6) 3,0

(3 or 6, 0) High Beginning ESL Writing is for individuals with a limited knowledge of English grammar and vocabulary. At this level students will develop writing skills in order to express everyday needs. They will demonstrate mastery in writing simple sentences. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$0 (effective 2026/27 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Placement test, teacher recommendation, or mastery of learning outcomes (excluding writing) in High Beginning ESL

Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer

ESL 024 High Intermediate ESL Reading/Writing B (.5-6) 3,0

(0.5 or 6, 0) High Intermediate ESL Writing is for students who are enrolled in a high intermediate ESL class but would like more support and practice in developing their writing skills. In this class students will learn how to use the academic writing process to develop academic paragraphs and how to write appropriate emails to communicate with others at work and school. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$0 (effective 2026/27 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Must be a non-native speaker of English who needs to work on basic skills. A placement test and departmental consent are required. Students must be co-enrolled in a High Intermediate ESL class to take this supplementary course. Students on certain types of visas may not be eligible for the program.

Semester(s) Offered: Varies

ESL 025 Advanced ESL Writing (3-6) 3,0

(3 or 6, 0) Advanced ESL Writing is for individuals who are interested in pursuing academic college courses. This course is for individuals who have a foundation in English and who demonstrate high proficiency in expressing everyday needs in conversation and written form. At this level, students will work to achieve writing proficiency while expanding vocabulary and building grammar skills as they write paragraphs, short, logical essays, and formal letters. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$0 (effective 2026/27 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Placement test, teacher recommendation, or mastery of learning outcomes (excluding writing) in Advanced Beginning ESL

Semester(s) Offered: Summer

ESL 034 Low Intermediate ESL Writing/Reading (.5-6) .5,0

Low Intermediate ESL Writing/Reading is for individuals who have a foundation in English grammar and vocabulary, and who demonstrate proficiency while expanding vocabulary and grammar skills as they learn to complete authentic forms, write short notes and compose short paragraphs. Students will learn to apply reading and writing strategies and develop critical reading skills. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$0 (effective 2026/27 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Placement by program assessment or successful completion of ESL 013 or ESL 023.

Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

ESL 035 High Intermediate ESL Writing/Reading (.5-6) .5,0

High Intermediate ESL Writing/Reading is for individuals who have a foundation in English and demonstrate proficiency in expressing daily needs in written form. At this level, students will demonstrate writing proficiency while expanding vocabulary and building grammar skills as they write formal letters, as well as detailed, logical paragraphs by means of technology. Students will learn to apply reading and writing strategies and develop critical reading skills. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$0 (effective 2026/27 academic year)

In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval (<https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/>).

Prerequisite: Placement by program or successful completion of ESL 014, or ESL 034.

Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

ESL 040 English Literacy/Civics I (.5-6) .5,0

EL Civics I is for students with limited knowledge of written English who want to develop skills to communicate within their communities. They will enhance their roles as informed parents, workers, neighbors, and community participants by becoming informed and understanding community resources, consumer economics, health, health care, and wellness. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$0 (effective 2026/27 academic year)

In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval (<https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/>).

Prerequisite: Adult Ed. pre test and departmental consent

Semester(s) Offered: Varies

ESL 041 English Literacy/Civics I (.5-6) .5,0

EL/Civics II is for individuals with a limited knowledge of English grammar and vocabulary. Students will enhance their roles as informed parents, workers, neighbors, and community participants by participating in activities related to employment, democratic processes, and school systems in the United States. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$0 (effective 2026/27 academic year)

In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval (<https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/>).

Prerequisite: Adult Education pre-test and departmental consent.

Semester(s) Offered: Varies

ESL 045 Bridge to Career Pathways for ESL (.5-6) .5,0

(.5-6, 0) Students will explore different occupational career clusters to identify the career pathway that is best for them. Students will develop basic academic and skills for the workplace including reading, math, and writing as well as employability skills such as clear communication, personal ethic, work ethic, and teamwork. Self-assessment of skills and interests will assist students in identifying a career pathway that works for them. Both personal and professional goal setting will be addressed in this course. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

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Semester(s) Offered: Varies

ESL 050 Introduction to Healthcare Professions (.5-6) .5,0

(.5-6, 0) This course will prepare adult education students to begin training for targeted healthcare career programs. Students will learn the responsibilities of different healthcare professions and the specific academic requirements to enter those fields. This includes how to prepare for the PSB-HOA (Healthcare Occupational Aptitude Test), which is a requirement for entry to many healthcare programs. The course will emphasize time management, study skills, and test taking strategies along with the teamwork and communication skills required in the healthcare workplace. The course will develop reading and writing skills using content that is contextualized for the healthcare professions. The course will provide opportunities to practice the digital literacy skills necessary for academic coursework. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$0 (effective 2026/27 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Must be a non-native speaker of English. A placement test and departmental consent are required. Students on certain types of visas may not qualify for the program.

Semester(s) Offered: Varies

ESL 052 Introduction to Early Childhood Educ Pro (.5-6) .5,0

(.5-6, 0) Students will gain knowledge of the career pathways and educational/vocational requirements in the field of Early Childhood Education. Through contextualized instruction, students will expand their oral and written skills, be introduced to legal and cultural issues in the field, and reflect on themselves as potential Early Childhood Education professionals. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$0 (effective 2026/27 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Co-enrollment in an approved adult education course and departmental consent.

Semester(s) Offered: Varies

ESL 053 Introduction to Early Childhood Educ Pro (.5-6) .5,0

(.5-6, 0) Students will gain knowledge of the career pathways and educational/vocational requirements in the field of Early Childhood Education. Through contextualized instruction, students will expand their oral and written skills, be introduced to legal and cultural issues in the field, and reflect on themselves as potential Early Childhood Education professionals. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

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Prerequisite: Co-enrollment in an approved adult education course and departmental consent.

Semester(s) Offered: Varies

ESL 055 Intro to Industrial Arts Careers (.5-6) .5,0

This course is designed for students who are interested in manufacturing careers and are concurrently working to improve basic skills through enrollment in the English as a Second Language program. Students will score into the Low or High Intermediate ESL levels on the CASAS exam. A small number of ESL students may be served who have the equivalency of a high school diploma but have limited English language skills. Students will explore the requirements, expectations, and outlook for different careers in industrial arts. Students will work on modules in academic success, career awareness, and career development while developing the basic academic and soft skills necessary for success in a manufacturing program of study. Self-assessment and review of skills will assist students with planning a path toward their short term and long term goals. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$0 (effective 2026/27 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Co-enrollment in an approved adult education course and departmental consent.

Semester(s) Offered: Varies

ESL 056 Intro to Industrial Arts Careers (.5-6) .5,0

This course is designed for students who are interested in manufacturing careers and are concurrently working to improve basic skills through enrollment in the English as a Second Language program. Students will score into the Advanced ESL levels on the CASAS exam. A small number of ESL students may be served who have the equivalency of a high school diploma but have limited English language skills. Students will explore the requirements, expectations, and outlook for different careers in industrial arts. Students will work on modules in academic success, career awareness, and career development while developing the basic academic and soft skills necessary for success in a manufacturing program of study. Self-assessment and review of skills will assist students with planning a path toward their short term and long term goals. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$0 (effective 2026/27 academic year)

In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval (<https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/>).

Prerequisite: Co-enrollment in an approved adult education course and departmental consent.

Semester(s) Offered: Varies

ESL 057 Intro to Information Technology Careers (.5-6) .5,0

(0.5-6) Students will explore the requirements, expectations, and outlooks for different careers in information technology. Students will work on modules in academic success, career awareness, and career development while developing the basic academic and essential employability skills necessary for success in an information technology program of study. Self-assessment and review of skills will assist students with planning a path toward long- and short-term goals. This course is repeatable 3 times. Proficiency Credit: Not Available Pass/No Credit: Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$0 (effective 2026/27 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Must be a non-native speaker of English who needs to work on English language skills. A placement test and departmental consent are required. Students on certain types of visas may not be eligible for the program.

Semester(s) Offered: Varies

ESL 058 Intro to Business & Finance Careers (.5-6) .5,0

(0.50-6.0) Students will explore the requirements, expectations, and outlooks for different careers in business and finance. Students will work on modules in academic success, career awareness, and career development while developing the basic academic and essential employability skills necessary for success in a business or finance program of study. Self-assessment and review of skills will assist students with planning a path toward long- and short-term goals. Students interested in entrepreneurship are also encouraged to take this course. This course is repeatable 3 times. Proficiency Credit: Not Available Pass/No Credit: Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$0 (effective 2026/27 academic year)

In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval (<https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/>).

Prerequisite: Appropriate adult education placement test score and departmental approval. No U.S. high school diploma or U.S. high school equivalency certificate.

Semester(s) Offered: Varies

ESL 060 High Beginning Contextualized ESL (.5-6) .5,0

(.5-6, 0) Students will gain the language, occupational knowledge, and communication skills necessary for successful transition to study in their chosen career field. Instruction will include study skills and career self-assessment. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$0 (effective 2026/27 academic year)

In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval (<https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/>).

Prerequisite: Appropriate adult education placement test and departmental consent.

Semester(s) Offered: Varies

ESL 061 Intermediate Contextualized ESL (.5-6) .5,0

(.5-6, 0) Students will gain the language, occupational knowledge, and communication skills necessary for successful transition towards study in their chosen career field. Instruction will include study skills and career self-assessment. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$0 (effective 2026/27 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Appropriate adult education placement test and departmental consent.

Semester(s) Offered: Varies

ESL 062 Advanced Contextualized ESL (.5-6) .5,0
 (.5-6, 0) Students will gain the language, occupational knowledge, and communication skills necessary for successful transition towards study in their chosen career field. Instruction will include study skills and career disposition assessment. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$0 (effective 2026/27 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Appropriate adult education placement test and departmental consent.

Semester(s) Offered: Varies

ESL 071 Thriving in the Workplace (.5-6) .5,0
 Students will gain the necessary attitudes, behaviors, and skills required by employers to be successful in the workplace. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$0 (effective 2026/27 academic year)

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Prerequisite: Appropriate adult education placement test and departmental consent.

Semester(s) Offered: Varies

ESL 072 Thriving in the Workplace (.5-6) .5,0
 Students will gain the necessary attitudes, behaviors, and skills required by employers to be successful in the workplace. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$0 (effective 2026/27 academic year)

In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval (<https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/>).

Prerequisite: Appropriate adult education placement test and departmental consent.

Semester(s) Offered: Varies

ESL 077 Pre-Citizenship (.5-3) .5,0
 (.5-3, 0) The objective of this course is to give the student information about the structure, function, powers, responsibilities, and the role of government in the lives of an individual, to understand the court system, and to be aware of how the justice system protects the rights of the individual, as well as creating the necessity for involved, responsible participants/citizens. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$0 (effective 2026/27 academic year)

In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval (<https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/>).

Prerequisite: Must have a valid 'Resident Alien' card and take an ESL placement test

Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer

ESL 078 Citizenship (.5-3) .5,0
 (.5-3, 0) This course is specifically designed for English speaking individuals preparing for naturalization interview/test required for U.S. citizenship. The course provides an overview of significant historical events; facts and concepts of federal, state, and local government; current political, governmental and social information; explanations of U.S. culture and institutions; and citizen rights and responsibilities. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.9) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.

In-District Tuition/Fees: \$0 (effective 2026/27 academic year)

In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval (<https://elgin.edu/pay-for-college/tuition-fees/>).

Prerequisite: Must be eligible for naturalization application, take an ESL placement test, placing into Low Beginning ESL

Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer