

Higher Level ESL Programs: Metro Vancouver and Vancouver Island

A guide for newcomers to British Columbia



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Technical and Trade Sector

BC Institute of Technology (BCIT)

www.bcit.ca

Professional English Language Development:

www.bcit.ca/cas/communication/peld

English competency assessments:

www.bcit.ca/cas/communication/assessment.shtml

BCIT provides two English competency assessments, COMM 0015 and COMM 0033. Both are computer-based assessments designed to help determine if your reading, writing, and sentence skills, and your speaking and listening skills, are at a level necessary to meet the entrance requirements of BCIT full-time programs and part-time studies courses.

- COMM 0015 English Competency Assessment,
www.bcit.ca/study/courses/comm0015
 - **Hours of instruction:** 2.5 hours
 - **Cost:** \$120
- COMM 0033 English Speaking and Listening Assessment
www.bcit.ca/study/courses/comm0033
 - **Hours of instruction:** 1.5 hours
 - **Cost:** \$120

Technical Communication Skills for ESL Students 1 (COMM 0071)

www.bcit.ca/study/courses/comm0071

The introductory course is for students who intend to study technology and trades at the college level. It provides students with a foundation in English language skills, including reading, writing, speaking and listening, and prepares them for future Professional English Language Development courses at BCIT. The course will emphasize developing accurate writing, in particular, applying grammar rules and appropriate phrasing. Each week, students will be introduced to topics based on themes found in business, technology, and trades

Requirements: COMM 0015 (placement at the COMM 0071 level). If you took COMM 0071 twelve months ago or earlier, you need to rewrite COMM 0015.

Hours of Instruction: 8 weeks

Cost: \$680 approx.

Technical Communication for ESL Students 2 (COMM 0003)

www.bcit.ca/study/courses/comm0003

This course provides students with writing, speaking, listening, and reading skills useful for technical communication. Students will practice grammar skills and language structures including writing and speaking about their background, writing formal definitions and descriptions, summarizing, and making presentations.

Requirements: COMM 0015 (placement at the 0003 level) within the last 12 months, OR COMM 0071 within the last 12 months.

Hours of Instruction: 8 weeks

Cost: \$680 approx.

Technical Communication Skills for ESL Students 3 (COMM 0004)

www.bcit.ca/study/courses/comm0004

In this course students will practice grammar skills and language structures useful for technical communication, including writing and speaking about their background, writing formal definitions and descriptions, summarizing, and making presentations.

Requirements: COMM 0015 (placement at the 0004 level) within the last 12 months, OR COMM 0003 within the last 12 months.

Hours of Instruction: 8 weeks

Cost: \$680 approx.

Technical Communication for ESL Students 4 (COMM 0005)

www.bcit.ca/study/courses/comm0005

This course prepares students whose first language is not English but who have good writing and speaking skills. Students will learn the writing, reading, speaking, listening and study skills necessary for BCIT full-time programs. This course covers essentials of business language skills. A grade of 50% in this course equals a "P" in English 12.

Requirements: Students MUST have ONE of the following: a grade of 50% or higher in COMM 0004 within the past 12 months OR a COMM 0005 placement from the COMM 0015 test OR English 12 with a minimum of a pass (P) equivalent

Hours of Instruction: 8 weeks

Cost: \$680 approx.

Speaking and Listening Skills for ESL Students 2 (COMM 0030)

www.bcit.ca/study/courses/comm0030

This course emphasizes language required for trades, business and science/technology environments, as well as the jargon of specific fields of study and work. It concentrates on pronunciation and intonation as well as on-the-job speaking skills. Individuals will study and practice the essential aspects of speaking and listening in English and develop proficiency in conversation, group discussion, meetings, and interviews. Extensive out-of-class resources such as audio laboratory and online assignments will assist students in broadening their knowledge of specific communications skills required for the workplace.

Requirements: Students MUST have ONE of the following completed: (1) English 12 with a minimum of 60% or equivalent (2) COMM 0033 with a mark of 60 or higher (3) a "Satisfactory (S)" mark from COMM 0029 within the last 12 months (4) an overall IELTS (academic format only) score of 6.0 within the last two years OR (5) an overall TOEFL (iBT format only) score of 80 within the last two years.

Hours of Instruction: 8 weeks

Cost: \$509 approx.

Camosun College

<http://camosun.ca>

Technical and Professional English ELD 097

<http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/web/eld.html#ELD097>

This course for non-native English speakers develops the critical thinking, reading/writing and oral skills needed to be successful in technical/business programs and professions. Students write essays, business reports, summaries, research essays and analyses of graphic information. Students learn to interpret and integrate information in technical, instructional and informational texts.

Requirements: ELD 072; or Canadian Language Benchmarks [\(CLB\) 8](#) or assessment

Co-requisite: ELD 074, or ELD 080

Hours of instruction: 6 lecture hours and 2 lab hours per week, 6 credits

Cost: contact institution

Immigrant Services Society of BC (ISSBC) ISS Language & Career College of BC

<http://lcc.issbc.org/>

Professional and Technical Oral English

<http://lcc.issbc.org/lang-nav/programs/individual-courses/Professional-and-Technical-Oral-English>

This course is designed for architects, engineers or associated technical professionals. It will improve your oral English skills and help transition your career into Canada. You will learn how to:

- speak more clearly (in person and on the telephone) with colleagues, bosses, employees and clients
- develop negotiation, discussion, interview and presentation skills
- practice giving verbal instructions, and better understand abstract and conceptual language
- explain numerical, structural and conceptual ideas more clearly

Requirements: contact institution

Hours of Instruction: two days per week, three hours per day, 8 weeks total

Cost: Self-funded landed Immigrants and Canadian citizens: \$450

Visitor/Work/Student visas: \$550

Kwantlen Polytechnic University

www.kpu.ca/

English Language Studies ELST

www.kpu.ca/calendar/2014-15/courses/elst/ [2014-2015]

www.kpu.ca/calendar/2015-16/courses/elst/ [2015-2016]

Trades English 1 ELST 0160 CR-3

Students will develop their vocabulary and English communication skills while gaining proficiency with fundamental language related to tools, machines, and technical processes in preparation for entry-level trades training

Requirements: EITHER 1:ELST 0041 with B- or [(Accuplacer 88 or cb- TOEFL 133 or TOEFL 450) and (Kwantlen ESL Writing Band 4 or TWE 3)] AND ELST 0043 with B- or KIST 30 or [TSE 30 and (cb-

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TOEFL Scaled Listening Score 11 or TOEFL Scaled Listening Score 46] OR 2: TOEFL iBT 45 with no sub-score less than 11

Hours of instruction: contact institution

Cost: contact institution

Trades English 2 ELST 0260 CR-3

Students will develop their English communication skills for entry into appliance servicing, automotive-industrial trim, automotive parts and light warehousing, automotive service technician, millwright/industrial mechanic, outdoor power equipment technician, or welding.

Requirements: EITHER 1: ELST 0160 with B- or ELST 0181 with a B- or [(Accuplacer 98 or cb-TOEFL 173 or TOEFL 500) and (Kwantlen ESL Writing Band 5 or TWE 4)] AND ELST 0183 with a B- or KIST 35 or [TSE 35 and (cb- TOEFL Scaled Listening 16 or TOEFL Scaled Listening 50 or IELTS Listening Band 5)]. OR 2: TOEFL iBT 61 with no sub-score less than 15

Hours of instruction: contact institution

Cost: contact institution

English for Trades

www.kpu.ca/calendar/2014-15/courses/engt/index.html

Communication Skills for Trades I - English for Trades ENGT 1015 CR-1.5

Students will develop the basic oral and written communication skills needed to complete their trades courses and to function efficiently on the job site. They will practice and develop skills in active listening and speaking and learn correct presentation for classroom and work-related writing. Students will also develop skills in technical reading.

Requirements: contact institution

Hours of instruction: contact institution

Cost: contact institution

Communication Skills for Trades II ENGT 1025 CR-1.5

Students will further develop their oral and written communication skills to complete their trades courses and to function efficiently on the job site. They will expand their oral communication skills by looking at job-related conflict resolution and their writing skills by learning specific task-related skills.

Requirements: ENGT 1015

Hours of instruction: contact institution

Cost: contact institution

University of Fraser Valley

English as a Second Language

www.ufv.ca/esl/

Computer Concepts English ESL CB77

www.ufv.ca/calendar/winter-summer-2015/CourseDescriptions/ESL.htm

This course focuses on language, terminology, and concepts needed for studies in Computer Information Systems and other computer-related courses and programs. Students will develop a basic understanding of computer hardware, software for

systems and applications, components of the system unit, and storage devices, as well as operating systems and utility program

Requirements: ESL CB60 or instructor permission

Hours of instruction: 3 credits

Cost: contact institution

Health Sector

Camosun College

camosun.ca/

English Language Development

<http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/web/eld.html>

English Language Development for Health Care Assistant ELD 056

camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/web/eld.html#ELD056

<http://camosun.ca/learn/programs/health-care-assistant/study-options.html#ESL>

This course for non-native English speakers provides language development and support for students studying the Health Care Assistant program. It concentrates on vocabulary, pronunciation, listening, reading and writing skills necessary for students to be successful on the job and at school.

Note: *only open to Camosun HCA ELD students*

Requirements: ELD 036 or assessment

Hours of Instruction: 8 lecture hours and 2 lab hours per week

Cost: contact institution

Sprott Shaw College Internationally Trained Healthcare Professionals Program

www.sprottshaw.com

www.sprottshaw.com/programs/faculty-of-health-sciences-social-development/internationally-trained-healthcare-pro/

Note: the following two courses are combined with one additional course, Gerontological Nursing Essentials for Internationally Educated Nurses, to complete the *Internationally Trained Healthcare Professionals Diploma Program*. This program prepares Internationally Educated Nurses to apply to College of Licensed Practical Nurses of BC, CLPNBC, to register for the Canadian Practical Nurse Registration Examination, CPNRE.

English Communication

designed to enhance the English language skills of Internationally Educated Nurses; includes lessons in improving skills in reading and comprehension, written communication and oral communication.

Medical English

designed for learners whose first language is not English and who are interested in learning common medical language in an English-speaking healthcare setting. –

Internationally Trained Healthcare Professionals Diploma Program

Requirements: successful Spratt Shaw College Practical Nursing mathematics and language entrance requirements, interview, word processing and computer skills

Hours of Instruction: total program hours, 1250 Hours, over a 50 week period, and Community Practicum: 75 Total Hours

Cost: contact institution

Thompson Rivers University (TRU) Open Learning

www.tru.ca/distance.html

Web based course delivery

Medical English

www.tru.ca/distance/courses/hlth1061.html

Provides an opportunity to develop or strengthen your understanding of medical terminology as it is used in a Canadian health care context. Case scenarios, dialogues and discussions related to body systems, medications, will be used to develop language skills. Internationally educated health care providers will be able to acquire career-specific language development.

Requirements: satisfactory completion of English Assessment as per TRU OL guidelines if English is a second language. Previous health care education is recommended

Hours of instruction: thirty week program, ***web-based instruction***, 3.0 credits

Cost: contact institution

Vancouver Community College (VCC)

English as a Second Language

www.vcc.ca/programscourses/program-areas/english-as-a-second-language/

CELBAN Test Preparation

www.vcc.ca/programscourses/program-areas/english-as-a-second-language/celban-test-preparation/

This course is a short test preparation course for the Canadian English Language Benchmark Assessment for Nursing, CELBAN (www.celban.org/). This test preparation course has been designed for internationally educated nurses applying for licensing either to the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of BC (CLPNBC, www.clpnbc.org/) or to the College of Registered Nurses of BC (CRNBC, www.crnbc.ca/) and who are required to demonstrate English language proficiency before entry to practice in the Canadian workplace.

Requirements: Completion of CELBAN Readiness Self-assessment test online (accessible on the CELBAN website, www.celban.org/) or CLBPT or VCC assessment, with **CLB 8** or above for Listening and **CLB 7** or above for Reading

Hours of instruction: contact institution

Cost: \$31, contact institution for fee details

For information on the CELBAN Test, the Readiness Self-Assessment tool and CELBAN testing locations in BC, see '[Additional Resources](#)'.

Business Sector

Camosun College English Language Development

<http://camosun.ca>

<http://camosun.ca/learn/programs/english-language-development/>

English language for the Workplace— e-Work – Certificate

<http://camosun.ca/learn/programs/english-language-workplace/>

The e-Work program is a series of fully online courses designed to improve your job-related English language skills. If English is not your first language and you're a professional with a college or university education and access to a computer and the Internet, this program is for you. This flexible, advanced English language training is specifically designed to improve job-related communication skills.

Note: *Camosun is currently reviewing the delivery options for this program; they are accepting names for an interest list. Contact:*

accessinfo@camosun.ca

Requirements: completion of ELD 062 and ELD 064 or higher **OR** CLB level 6 or higher in all four language skills (listening, speaking, reading, writing) **OR** complete CLBPT (Canadian Language Benchmarks Placement Test) assessment

Hours of instruction: 5 courses required to earn a certificate; each course is 35 hours completed over 7 weeks

Cost: free for BC residents who are landed immigrants, Canadian citizens, refugees or live-in caregivers

Immigrant Services Society of BC (ISSBC) ISS Language & Career College of BC

<http://lcc.issbc.org/>

Business English

<http://lcc.issbc.org/lang-nav/programs/individual-courses/business-english>

This course helps students to become more confident in their written and oral communication skills in work situations with clients, co-workers and supervisors. Areas of focus are developing effective skills in making telephone calls and oral presentations, conducting and participating in business meetings, improving listening skills in employment situations, training in business vocabulary, and terms used in office memos, business letters and announcements. As well, the curriculum covers marketing, negotiating, finance and business practices.

Requirements: contact institution

Hours of instruction: 24 hours (3 hours per week, 8 weeks total)

Cost: \$140 / for self-funded landed immigrants: \$105

Business Diploma Program

<http://lcc.issbc.org/lang-nav/programs/individual-courses/business-diploma-program>

Learn about fundamental skills of business communication and explores business topics such as finance, trade, marketing, customer service and office management skills. You will:

- apply business vocabulary in a wide range of business-related topics
- write effective business letters and documents
- handle telephone conversations
- understand basic economic terms, basic accounting and finance functions

A Supervised Business Practicum option is also available for students with an 85% average or higher

Requirements: contact institution

Hours of instruction: 100 hours (2.5 hours/day, 5 days/week, 8 weeks)

Cost: \$1080 plus optional practicum fee of \$550

Professional Communication and Marketing Diploma (PCM)

<http://lcc.issbc.org/lang-nav/programs/individual-courses/professional-communication-and-marketing-diploma>

Improve your communication skills while learning about marketing and Canadian workplaces. Our Professional Communication and Marketing program is for anyone wanting to take their English to a higher level and become more promotable in the workforce. You will learn how to:

- write effective promotional materials and use social media
- learn to conduct product research and improve presentation skills
- better communicate and work with clients, bosses, and coworkers
- become more familiar with Canadian workplace cultures and values

A Supervised Workplace Practicum option is also available for students with an 85% average or higher.

Requirements: contact institution for details

Hours of instruction: 100 hours (2.5 hours/day, 5 days/week, 8 weeks)

Cost: \$1080 plus optional practicum fee of \$550

Langara College

www.langara.bc.ca

Langara English Proficiency Program (LEPP)

www.langara.bc.ca/continuing-studies/programs-and-courses/programs/langara-english-proficiency-program/courses.html

Speaking Professionally LEPP 1012

This course will address communication techniques for workplace situations, such as telephone interactions, meeting participation, and informal presentations. We will discuss fundamental skills for interacting with managers, clients, and coworkers. Class activities will ensure a broader use of business vocabulary and idioms. Note: Assessment required.

Requirements: LEPP 1029 three hour assessment, \$15

Hours of instruction: 3 hours per class; one class per week, 8 weeks total

Cost \$198

Business Writing LEPP 1025

Learn what it takes to write effective business letters, reports, document summaries, and emails. Each class includes writing practice as well as a review of specific vocabulary and grammar. Get the skills you need to draft, edit, and finalize your business writing communications. Note: Assessment required

Requirements: LEPP 1029 three hour assessment, \$15

Hours of instruction: 3 hours per class; one class per week, 8 weeks total

Cost: \$234

Simon Fraser University

English Language & Culture: www.sfu.ca/elc.html

Business Communications

www.sfu.ca/elc/programs-and-courses/full-time-programs.html

This course will help you develop the social and communication skills you'll need in a Canadian business environment. Specific activities will vary depending on your background and interests, but they will improve your spoken and written communication skills as well as key business-related social skills.

****Note:** this course is offered as a specialization within the Eight-Week Premium English Immersion Program (216 hours)**

Requirements: contact institution

Hours of instruction: 3 hours per class; one class per week for one term

Cost: \$3,250 + \$250 non-refundable application fee for the 8 week Premium English Immersion Program

University of British Columbia

English Language Institute

www.eli.ubc.ca/

English for Business Communication (EBC)

www.eli.ubc.ca/business/index.html

This program is designed to build your confidence in speaking, listening, reading and writing English in business contexts. You will be using Business English in everyday business situations on the telephone, and in meetings, presentations or negotiations. You will also develop your Business English skills by writing e-mails, memos and business letters, participating in simulated meetings and role-plays, and discussing case studies.

Requirements: Participants must have completed high school and have at a minimum an intermediate level of English. Testing for class placement is on the first day of the program

Hours of instruction: 3 weeks (full time program)

Cost: approx. \$1770

University of Fraser Valley

www.ufv.ca

Intermediate Business English ESL BU55

www.ufv.ca/calendar/winter-summer-2015/CourseDescriptions/ESL.htm

This course focuses on basic communication in a business environment. Students will be introduced to a wide variety of written and oral communication tasks, including writing short business letters, faxes, memos, and emails. Case studies and role playing will teach students how to act and speak in various business situations. Students will gain a basic understanding of North American-style business correspondence and face-to-face communication.

Requirements: grade of C- or better in ESL WG44, ESL R40, ESL V43, and ESL S46; or ESL assessment of 50 level or above in all skill areas

Hours of instruction: 3 credits

Cost: contact institution

Pre-University Business English for ESL- ESL BU75

www.ufv.ca/calendar/winter-summer-2015/CourseDescriptions/ESL.htm

This course is designed for ESL students who intend to register in Business Administration or business-related programs or those currently working in or aiming to work in a business environment. Students will practice a wide variety of written and oral communication tasks common in business and will become familiar with interactive expectations in business culture. Students will also learn how to make professional presentations both individually and as part of a working group.

Requirements: ESL WG54, RV58, and S56, or ESL assessment of 60 level or above in all skill areas

Hours of instruction: 3 credits

Cost: contact institution

Computers for Business - ESL CB60

www.ufv.ca/calendar/winter-summer-2015/CourseDescriptions/ESL.htm

This course focuses on using computers in a business environment. Students will be introduced to a wide range of computer applications including spreadsheet programs, data base management, graphics for business presentations, word processing for professional business documents and internet and e-mail communication. By the end of the course, students will have a good basic understanding of applications used in business and office environments.

Requirements: ESL CB50 or instructor permission

Hours of instruction: 3 credits

Cost: contact institution

University of Victoria

English Language Centre

www.uvcs.uvic.ca/elc/

Business English

www.uvcs.uvic.ca/Program/July-Business-Boost/ELBC001/

This program offers a series of Business English classes for students registered in our July 4-week program. In addition to attending general English classes each morning, you will attend 10 additional afternoon classes to develop business writing, presentation and discussion skills. These classes develop writing (email, correspondence and formatting), presentation, discussion and debate skills in a business context. Students will complete a business project and have the option to visit a local business.

Requirements: Intermediate level of English equivalent to 4.5 IELTS or 53 ibT.

Hours of instruction: 20 hours

Cost: contact institution

General Programs

Camosun College

English Language Development

<http://camosun.ca>

<http://camosun.ca/learn/programs/english-language-development/>

Accent Reduction ELD 089

This course focuses on accent reduction to improve the communicative ability of foreign-trained professionals in the workplace. The intent is to develop spoken English that is reasonably easy for native speakers to understand. Students ability to understand native speakers will also be enhanced.

Requirements: ELD 050, or ELD 064

Pre or Co-requisite: ELD 062

Hours of instruction: 3 lecture hours and 2 lab hours per week

Cost: contact institution

Academic Communication Skills ELD 074

This course is designed to prepare non-native English speakers for oral communication tasks encountered within an academic or professional environment. Students will improve their ability to participate in discussions, make presentations, comprehend and take notes on academic lectures, explore career options, and speak clearly.

Requirements: ELD 056, or ELD 064; or assessment

Pre or Co-requisite: ELD 062; or assessment

Hours of instruction: 4 lecture hours and 1 lab hour per week

Cost: contact institution

Intro to the Canadian Workplace ELD 080

This course is designed to introduce foreign-trained professionals to the Canadian workplace. It offers students the opportunity to explore career options in Canada,

to gain skills for effective information interviews, and to explore the culture of the Canadian workplace.

Requirements: ELD 050, or ELD 064; or Canadian Language Benchmarks [CLB 7](#) for Listening/Speaking

Pre or Co-requisite: ELD 062; or assessment

Hours of instruction: 7 lecture hours and 2 lab hours per week

Cost: contact institution

Workplace Speaking & Listening ELD 047

<http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/web/eld.html#ELD047>

This course is for non-native English speakers who want to improve their spoken English for employment purposes. In the course, students will learn about communication in the Canadian workplace and practice listening and speaking skills for communicating with co-workers, supervisors and customers.

Requirements: ELD 035; or Canadian Language Benchmarks [\(CLB\) 5](#) (speaking); or departmental assessment

Hours of instruction: 8 lecture hours and 2 lab hours per week

Cost: contact institution

Certificate in Academic and Professional English - CAPE

<http://camosun.ca/learn/programs/cape>

*Note: the program's content and delivery options are being reviewed and applications are **not** currently being accepted. Contact institution for details, accessinfo@camosun.bc.ca .*

This program provides training in:

- academic, workplace, and occupation-specific English
- job-finding skills and strategies
- expectations of the Canadian workplace

Requirements:

- completion of ELD 050; or ELD 062 and ELD 064; or Canadian Language Benchmarks [\(CLB\) 7](#) in Listening/Speaking and [CLB 6](#) in Reading/Writing
- proof of a post-secondary degree, diploma or certificate (minimum one year) from your country of origin
- relevant professional work experience in your country of origin.

Hours of instruction: contact institution

Cost: contact institution

DiverseCity

www.dcrs.ca/

Workplace Conversation Drop in Group

www.dcrs.ca/services/language-programs/workplace-conversation-drop-in-group/

Our Workplace Conversation Circle is offered on site at DIVERSEcity in a classroom setting. It is facilitated by staff in order to enhance spoken English and increase participant confidence in conversational workplace English. Participants will have a unique opportunity to ask questions related to their own job search or employment

situation in a non threatening environment. They will explore, in a small group setting, topics such as networking, job search techniques, and common hiring procedures.

Requirements: contact institution

Hours of instruction: contact institution

Cost: contact institution

Douglas College

www.douglas.bc.ca/

English for Internationally Trained Professionals EASL 0635

www.douglascollege.ca/programs-courses/catalogue/courses/EASL/EASL0635

This course is for *internationally-trained professionals*. The course is designed for individuals who wish to upgrade their English language skills for the purposes of 1) improving their employment opportunities and 2) preparing for further education or training. Students will practice strategies for listening, speaking, reading and writing within the professional workplace to meet these specific, career-oriented needs.

The course covers:

- cultural appropriateness
- conversational signals
- language of meetings
- workplace communication (giving instructions, solving conflicts, negotiations)
- reading, writing, grammar and editing skills

Requirements: [CLB 6](#), or Level One in Douglas College EASL

Hours of Instruction: part time, 3 hours per class, 2 classes per week, approx. 14 weeks

Cost: contact institution

Langara College & Vancouver School Board Continuing Education, English as a second language program

www.langara.bc.ca/

Accent Reduction, Intensive Workshop, Course VLEP 1008

An expert in Accent Reduction (with a very simple, 5-step system), will help you make your accent go away! After this class you will have the ability to speak clearly & be much better understood. Whether a student or in business, if you have the need to speak English with no accent, this is the course for you.

Requirements: none

Hours of instruction: one day workshop

Cost: \$109

Vancouver Community College (VCC) Professional and Career English, PACE

English for Professional Advancement (EPA)

www.vcc.ca/programscourses/program-areas/english-as-a-second-language/english-for-professional-advancement-epa/

VCC's English for Professional Advancement (EPA) program provides English language advancement focusing on professional contexts and cultural integration. This program is most suitable for internationally-trained professionals. Students will learn both online and in the classroom. Strong computer skills are required.

- **Speaking/Listening:** Focus is on effective communication, meeting and presentation skills
- **Writing/Reading:** Focus is on effective writing in the workplace emails, memos, letters, reports, proposals, summaries and more

Requirements: Completion of Upper Advanced English or equivalent, Canadian Language Benchmarks [CLB-6](#) or Career and Professional English (CPE)

Hours of instruction: contact institution

Cost: contact institution

Vancouver School Board, Continuing Education

formerly: <https://ce.vsb.bc.ca/Pages/ce.aspx>

see: [Langara College, Continuing Studies at VSB](#)

<http://langara.bc.ca/continuing-studies/programs-and-courses/programs/vsb-languages/courses.html>

Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre Society (VIRCS)

www.vircs.bc.ca/

Bi-monthly Workshops for Internationally Trained Professionals

www.vircs.bc.ca/workshops.php

These workshops focus on unique needs of professionals who received their accreditations outside Canada

Requirements: contact institution, email: employment@vircs.bc.ca

Hours of instruction: contact institution

Cost: contact institution, telephone: 250-361-9433, extension 206

English for Job Search Workshops (English pronunciation and intonation)

www.vircs.bc.ca/workshops.php

These workshops will assist the participants to improve their English spoken fluency and clarity, increase their familiarity with Canadian workplace communication, gain confidence, and eventually increase their employability.

Requirements: contact institution, email: employment@vircs.bc.ca

Hours of instruction: ten weeks - part time, 3 sessions per week, 2 hours per session

Cost: contact institution, telephone: 250-361-9433, extension 206

Schools

Vancouver & Metro Vancouver region, including Fraser Valley

British Columbia Institute of Technology

Professional English Language Development (PELD)

www.bcit.ca/cas/communication/peld/

www.bcit.ca/cas/communication/peld/contacts.shtml

3700 Willingdon Avenue,

Burnaby, BC

V5G 3H2

email: peld@bcit.ca

DiverseCity

Community Resources Society

www.dcrs.ca/

13455 76 Avenue

Surrey, BC

V3W 2W3

604-597-0205

Susan Liu Woronko, Manager of Employment Services

604-547-2004

email: sworonko@dcrs.ca

Douglas College

English as a Second Language

www.douglascollege.ca/programs-courses/faculties/language-literature-performing-arts/english-as-a-second-language

ESL Department

PO Box 2503

New Westminster, BC

V3L 5B2

604-527-5463

email: deved@douglascollege.ca

Immigrant Services Society (ISS) Language & Career College of BC (LCC)

<http://lcc.issbc.org/>

#501-333 Terminal Avenue

Vancouver, BC

V6A 2L7

604-684-2325

email: info@lcc.issbc.org

Kwantlen Polytechnic University

www.kpu.ca/aca/els

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12666 - 72nd Ave
Surrey, BC
V3W 2M8
604-599-2063
email: aca.advisor@kpu.ca

Langara College

Continuing Studies at Vancouver School Board

<http://langara.bc.ca/continuing-studies/programs-and-courses/programs/vsb-languages/courses.html>

100 West 49th Avenue
Vancouver, BC
V5Y 2Z6
604-323-5322
email: csgeneral@langara.bc.ca

Langara College

Langara English Proficiency Program (LEPP)

www.langara.bc.ca/continuing-studies/programs-and-courses/programs/langara-english-proficiency-program/

100 West 49th Avenue
Vancouver, BC
V5Y 2Z6
604-323-5521
email: kcattanach@langara.bc.ca

Simon Fraser University

English Language & Culture Program

www.sfu.ca/elc.html

515 West Hastings St.
Vancouver, BC
V6B 5K3
778-782-5126
email: elc@sfu.ca

Sprott-Shaw College

www.sprottshaw.com

2750 Rupert Street
Vancouver, BC
V5M 3T7
604-251-4473

University of British Columbia – UBC

English Language Institute

www.eli.ubc.ca/

UBC Continuing Studies
2121 West Mall

Vancouver, BC
V6T 1Z4
604-822-1555

University of Fraser Valley

www.ufv.ca/esl/

English as a Second Language
33844 King Rd
Abbotsford, BC
V2S 7M8
604-854-4581
email: Balraj.Sumra@ufv.ca

University of Victoria

English Language Centre
www.uvcs.uvic.ca/elc/
Division of Continuing Studies
PO Box 1700 STN CSC
Victoria BC V8W 2Y2
250-721-8469
email: elcreg@uvcs.uvic.ca

Vancouver Community College

www.vcc.ca/programs/courses/program-areas/english-as-a-second-language/
www.vcc.ca/esl/english-for-careers/
250 West Pender Street
Vancouver, BC
V6B 1S9
email: programinfo@vcc.ca

Vancouver School Board (VSB), Continuing Education (CE)

VSB Continuing Education programs now offered through Langara College
See: [Langara College, Continuing Studies at Vancouver School Board](#)
www.vsb.bc.ca/programs/continuing-education

Vancouver Island

Camosun College

English Language Development
<http://camosun.ca/learn/programs/english-language-development/>
Interurban Campus
4461 Interurban Rd
Victoria, BC
V9E 2C1
250-370-3295
250-370-4941
email: accessinfo@camosun.bc.ca

Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre Society

www.vircs.bc.ca/workshops.php

3rd Floor, 637 Bay Street

Victoria, BC

V8T 5L2

250-361-9433, extension 206 or extension 222

email: employment@vircs.bc.ca

Open Learning – Distance Education

Thompson Rivers University

www.tru.ca/distance.html

Open Learning

Student Services

BC Centre for Open Learning, 4th Floor

900 McGill Road

Kamloops, BC

V2C 0C8

1-800-663-9711

email: student@tru.ca

Additional Resources

Centre for Canadian Language Benchmarks (CCLB)

www.language.ca/

The CCLB supports the national standards in English and French for describing, measuring and recognizing second language proficiency of adult immigrants and prospective immigrants for living and working in Canada.

Canadian Language Benchmarks (CLB)

www.cic.gc.ca/english/pdf/pub/language-benchmarks.pdf

A Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) is a description of a person's ability in a specific language. Each benchmark describes:

- Characteristics of Speaking, Listening, Reading or Writing ability as listed in the Profile of Ability.
- What a person can do in each language skill, as presented in the Competency Statements.
- Specific conditions under which abilities can be demonstrated (including factors such as time constraints, length of task/text, assistance given), as listed in the Profile of Ability.
- Examples of possible communication tasks for community, study and work contexts, as illustrated in the Sample Tasks.
- Indicators of task success, as listed in the Sample Indicators of Ability found below the Competency Statements.

Benchmark Stages

The 12 benchmarks are organized into three stages, numbered I, II and III. Each stage is associated with a degree of complexity and demand. Within each stage, there are four benchmarks that progress from initial to fluent ability. This progression indicates a learner's progression across a stage, as reflected in the Profiles of Ability that appear on a single page for each stage.

Stage I - Basic Language Ability

Benchmark and Ability Level	Listening	Speaking	Reading	Writing
CLB 1: Initial CLB 2: Developing CLB 3: Adequate CLB 4: Fluent	Interpreting simple spoken communication in routine, non-demanding contexts of language use within the four Competency Areas.	Creating simple spoken communication in routine, non-demanding contexts of language use within the four Competency Areas.	Interpreting simple written communication in routine, non-demanding contexts of language use within the four Competency Areas.	Creating simple written communication in routine, non-demanding contexts of language use within the four Competency Areas.

Stage II - Intermediate Language Ability

Benchmark and Ability Level	Listening	Speaking	Reading	Writing
CLB 5: Initial CLB 6: Developing CLB 7: Adequate CLB 8: Fluent	Interpreting moderately complex spoken communication in moderately demanding contexts of language use within the four Competency Areas.	Creating moderately complex spoken communication in moderately demanding contexts of language use within the four Competency Areas.	Interpreting moderately complex written communication in moderately demanding contexts of language use within the four Competency Areas.	Creating moderately complex written communication in moderately demanding contexts of language use within the four Competency Areas.

Stage III - Advanced Language Ability

Benchmark and Ability Level	Listening	Speaking	Reading	Writing
CLB 9: Initial CLB 10: Developing CLB 11: Adequate CLB 12: Fluent	Interpreting complex spoken communication in demanding contexts of language use within the four Competency Areas.	Creating complex spoken communication in demanding contexts of language use within the four Competency Areas.	Interpreting complex written communication in demanding contexts of language use within the four Competency Areas.	Creating complex written communication in demanding contexts of language use within the four Competency Areas.

Source: Canadian Language Benchmarks: English as a Second Language for Adults
<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/pdf/pub/language-benchmarks.pdf>

CELBAN - Canadian English Language Benchmark Assessment for Nurses

www.celban.org

CELBAN is an assessment tool designed to assess the English language proficiency of internationally-educated nurses who are applying for licensure in the nursing profession in Canada. CELBAN is recognized by the College of Registered Nurses of BC, CRNBC

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(www.crnbc.ca) and the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of BC CLPNBC (www.clpnbc.org).

There are no formal language eligibility requirements. However, it is strongly recommended that a candidate have a minimum of Canadian Language Benchmark (CLB) Level 6 language proficiency skills before attempting the CELBAN. The scores required are: Speaking: CLB 8; Listening: CLB 9; Reading: CLB 8; Writing: CLB 7.

In BC, **CELBAN tests** are offered through Ashton College:

Ashton College

www.ashtoncollege.com/resource/test-centre/

1190 Melville Street

Vancouver, BC V6E 3W1

604-899-0803 Ext: 104

testcentre@ashtoncollege.com

The CELBAN **Readiness Self-Assessment tool** (<http://crsa.celban.org/>) allows internationally educated nurses determine their readiness to take the CELBAN test.

Vancouver Community College (VCC) offers a short test preparation course, for further information see: www.vcc.ca/programscourses/program-areas/english-as-a-second-language/celban-test-preparation/

LINC: Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada

a program of **LISTN**, the Language Instruction Support & Training Network

- <http://www.listn.info/>
- <http://www.listn.info/site/what-is-linc/>

LINC provides basic and intermediate level English training for adult newcomers. Programs are government-funded and free to students. You must be 17 years or older and approved for permanent residence to qualify.

LINC goes from level 1 (low beginner) to level 8 (high intermediate). There is also a pre-beginner level (literacy). After you apply for LINC, you will be given an appointment for an English assessment (test). At levels 5, 6, 7 and 8 there are general English classes and English for the Workplace classes.

For further information, see: <http://www.listn.info/site/wp-content/uploads/LINC-Information-Brochure-June-17-2014.pdf>

Immigrant Settlement Agencies

www.cic.gc.ca/english/newcomers/map/services.asp

Immigrant settlement agencies can also help you find English language programs in your local community.

Private Career Training Institutions Agency (PCTIA)

www.pctia.bc.ca/

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PCTIA sets basic education standards for registered private career training institutions in British Columbia and establishes standards of quality which must be met by accredited institutions. It provides lists of registered and accredited institutions, and also suspended and closed institutions: www.pctia.bc.ca/listings

Questions? Please ask the Information Staff at the Central Library or telephone 604-331-3603.

Please note that the information in this guide is also available online through the Skilled Immigrant InfoCentre website at <http://skilledimmigrants.vpl.ca/>.