



# ESL PROGRAMS

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## *English as a Second Language Programs and Services in Kelowna, BC*



If you would like to add a new organization or program, or update a current listing, please contact:

Project Literacy Kelowna Society  
1635 Bertram Street Kelowna, BC V1Y 2G5  
(250) 762-2163  
[www.projectliteracykelowna.org](http://www.projectliteracykelowna.org)



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## City of Kelowna Parks and Recreation

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Various English as a Second Language programs, varying by the season and time. See Recreation Guide on website for program details.

Must register, see Recreation Guide or website for more details.

Cost: Yes, varies by program

Address: Parkinson Recreation Centre

1800 Parkinson Way, Kelowna, BC, V1Z 3M6

250-469-8800

[recreationandculture@kelowna.ca](mailto:recreationandculture@kelowna.ca)

<https://www.kelowna.ca/parks-recreation/programs-registration>

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## English Corner

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A casual, conversational English Class given as a free community service. Usually run in small groups with two main targets: to give learners the chance to share their thoughts and feelings in English conversation and to provide a warm, casual environment that encourages friendships.

No cost. No registration, just stop by group closest to you.

Address: Kelowna Library, Downtown

1380 Ellis St, Kelowna, BC, V1Y 2A2

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30

Contact: Regina Jonker

[kelownaenglishcorner@gmail.com](mailto:kelownaenglishcorner@gmail.com)

250-763-4977

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## Evangel Church

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English classes for those who are at a beginner or low intermediate level or for those who want practice. No sign up, participate when able. You do not have to be Christian to participate.

Spring Semester: March to June; Summer Semester: (To be announced); Fall Semester: September to December; Winter Semester: January to February.

## *Evangel Church Continued*

Cost: None, but suggested donation for supplies (\$1 per class)

No registration. For introduction classes, you will need an instructor's permission to join, as learners must be at a zero level. Minimum age 16

Address: Evangel Church  
3261 Gordon Drive, Kelowna, BC, V1W 3N4  
250.762.0682  
[evangelenglish@gmail.com](mailto:evangelenglish@gmail.com)  
[evangel@evangelbc.org](mailto:evangel@evangelbc.org)

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## **Focus College**

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### **English as a Second Language Crash**

Designed for students who have little or no literacy skills in English and who need to start at the beginning. 11 weeks long.

### **English as a Second Language Intermediate**

Designed for students who have little or no literacy skills in English, who need to start at the beginning, but want to proceed into Intermediate Level. 22 weeks long.

### **English as a Second Language Advanced**

Contains all the components of the English as a Second Language – Crash and Intermediate Course Outlines and will include topics like Information Literacy; Collaboration and Cooperation; Speech Writing and Speech Delivery.

Cost for all: Tuition, see website for more details.

Minimum age 18, application needed, must complete and pass each level to move onto the next or write a challenge exam proving the skills needed.

Address: Focus College  
1753 Dolphin Ave #10 Kelowna, BC V1Y 8A6  
1-250-861-5808  
[info@focuscollege.ca](mailto:info@focuscollege.ca)  
<http://focuscollege.com/>

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## International Gateway Kelowna

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### **Practical English as a Second Language Program**

Focus on communication and functional English for daily life. Digitally enhanced curriculum (Off2Class). Five levels of Practical English as a Second Language offered from Beginner to Advanced, students are placed according to their placement test scores on the first day of each class. Begin weekly year round. Can enroll in executive, full or part time curriculum (see website for more details).

Cost: \$125 application fee, weeklong fees depending on how many weeks of classes taken, ranging from \$160 - \$195 for part time and \$275-295 for full time. Subject to \$25 monthly material fee. Ages 15+.

### **International English Language Testing System Exam Preparation**

Provides an overview of the International English Language Testing System's general and academic modules, test strategies and practice for the reading, writing, speaking and listening parts of the exams. Offered as an afternoon elective on select dates in March and September for 4-8 weeks. Begins September 18 2017 and March 5th 2018. Must be Intermediate-Advanced level.

Cost: \$125 application fee, \$160 per week tuition fee, \$200 material fee. Ages 19+.

### **Private Tutoring**

One on one lessons, Practical English as a Second Language, Teaching of English as a Second Language, International English Language Testing System, Language Proficiency Index, and Cambridge exam preparation, along with conversation, writing, pronunciation, and accent reduction. Beginner and Intermediate Spanish lessons are also available.

Cost: \$45 per hour for 1-9 hours, \$40 per hour for 10 or more hours. Ages 15+

### **TESOL Certificate Program**

Learn to teach English to adults and children. Starts on select dates in January, May and September. Application fee \$125, Tuition and material fee \$1150.

Ages 19+

### **Youth Vacation Program**

Morning English as a Second language classes combined with afternoon activities. Starting weekly from June-August for 1-8 weeks. Ages 8-18.

1 week \$1350, 2 weeks \$2450, 3 weeks \$3600, 4 weeks \$4700, 5 or more weeks \$1000 per week. All inclusive: homestay with full board, morning ESL classes, afternoon activities, application fees, airport transfers and guardianship. Deduct \$350 per week if homestay, guardianship and airport transfers are not required.

### *International Gateway Continued*

Address: International Gateway Kelowna  
618 Bernard Avenue Kelowna, BC, V1Y 6P3  
1-250-868-4827  
[info@igcanada.com](mailto:info@igcanada.com)  
<http://igcanada.com/>

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## **Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society**

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### **Language Instruction for New Canadians (LINC)**

Four English Language Instruction classes at 8 levels to help immigrants settle in Canada. Focus on speaking and understanding English for everyday life, job skills, learning about Canadian and Aboriginal culture, laws, health care and to obtain language requirements for citizenship.

Cost: None

Only Permanent Residents, Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) participants, Convention Refugees, live-in caregivers and Naturalized Citizens are eligible for the classes. Must make appointment with the Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society between 1 and 4 pm Mon-Fri.

Primary contact: Alana Turigan, LINC Coordinator 250.763.4905 ext.217 or 250.859.5025  
Address: Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society  
442 Leon Avenue  
Kelowna, BC V1Y 6J3  
250.763.4905  
[elsa@kfs.bc.ca](mailto:elsa@kfs.bc.ca)  
[www.kfs.bc.ca](http://www.kfs.bc.ca)

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## **Kelowna Community Resources**

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### **English Conversation Club**

English conversation club running for summer 2017 to practice and improve English. Runs from July 6<sup>th</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>, every Monday and Thursday from 9:30-11:30 am. Childminding available upon request.

Cost: None

Must register by contacting Victoria at the phone number or email below

*Kelowna Community Resources Continued*

Kelowna Community Resources

Address: Kelowna Community Resources

620 Leon Avenue, Kelowna, BC, V1Y 9T2

250 763 8008 ext.150

[victoria@kcr.ca](mailto:victoria@kcr.ca)

<https://kcr.ca/>

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## **Okanagan College**

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### **English as a Second Language (two levels) and English for Academic Purposes (EAP) (four levels)**

Classes include reading, writing, listening and speaking. Students can take up to 20 hours per week of classes, depending on year.

Must have Landed Immigrant Status, Permanent Resident, Refugee status or Canadian Citizenship documents. Must take International English Language Testing System test or the Okanagan College English Language Assessment (OCELA) to determine English level. Most classes are Monday to Friday, 8:30-5:20. Part time or full time classes available. 3 ESL Semesters: Sept-Dec, Jan-Apr, May-Aug.

Cost: Tuition, student fees, books and deposits apply. See website for specifics depending on residency status. Funding available.

Primary Contact: Ardiss Stutters

Address: Okanagan College

1000 KLO Road, Building C

Room C161

Kelowna, BC, V1Y 4X8

250.762.5488 ext.4381

[astutters@okanagan.bc.ca](mailto:astutters@okanagan.bc.ca)

[www.okanagan.bc.ca/Programs/Areas\\_of\\_Study/International\\_Education/Programs/ESL/ESL\\_for\\_Canadian\\_Students.html](http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/Programs/Areas_of_Study/International_Education/Programs/ESL/ESL_for_Canadian_Students.html)

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## Project Literacy Kelowna Society

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### One-to-one tutoring

Offers free tutoring support for adults seeking to improve their language and math skills in order to achieve their full potential at home, at work, and in the community. Learners receive support from trained volunteers in reading, writing, math, and specialized topic areas. Tutoring for immigrants and refugees includes English as an additional language, language proficiency testing, citizenship preparation, General Education Development (GED) and specific grade preparation. Office hours are 9 am to 5 pm Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays; 9 am to 7 pm Wednesdays; and 9 am to 12 noon Fridays.

### Conversation Club

A program running September to June, every Monday from 1-2 pm. Learners participate in conversation as a group to strengthen speaking, listening and understanding skills. Anyone is welcome, no sign up.

Cost: None

No registration needed, call for an appointment.

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1635 Bertram Street Kelowna, BC V1Y 2G5

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Fax: (250) 762-0764

[admin@projectliteracykelowna.org](mailto:admin@projectliteracykelowna.org)

[www.projectliteracykelowna.org/](http://www.projectliteracykelowna.org/)

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## School is Easy Okanagan

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English as a Second Language tutoring for children that need extra help with English. English as a Second Language tutoring uses special plans to help students understand their lessons.

Must book a tutor.

Cost: Yes. See website for more details. Get a 10% discount off your first session of tutoring if you add "Project Literacy" to the comments field when you submit request for tutoring.

### *School Is Easy Okanagan Continued*

Address: School Is Easy Tutoring Okanagan

22-2475 Dobbin Rd, Suite #222

West Kelowna, B.C. V4T 2E9

Toll Free: 1-877-ITS-EASY (487-3279)

Local: 250-938-7368

[info@schooliseasy.com](mailto:info@schooliseasy.com)

<https://www.schooliseasy.com/okanagan/>

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## **VanWest College**

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### **ESL Program- General English**

The English as a Second Language (ESL) program is designed for students whose mother tongue is not English. The English as a Second Language program will develop and strengthen oral/spoken and written English skills. Starts every Monday.

### **English for Academic Purposes**

English for Academic Purposes (EAP) courses will prepare students who want to attend and do well at English-speaking universities. As well, English for Academic Purposes will also provide a solid foundation of language skills for students preparing for official exams such as the International English Language Testing System, the Cambridge English Advanced, and the Business Language Testing Service. Starts every Monday.

### **International English Language Testing System Preparation**

The International English Language Testing System is a universally recognized English skill test accepted by most English-speaking universities in the world. This course will take students to the level required for university admission by showing them test materials that cover all four skills, building important vocabulary and grammar, and developing learner independence. Starts every Monday.

### **Business Language Testing Service Preparation**

The Business Language Testing Service measures the ability of non-native speakers to communicate in English in everyday business environments. The course is an excellent choice for students who plan to use English for business or the workplace. Students receive pre-tests and the official Business Language Testing Service test is offered at the college every 4 weeks. VanWest College is the only official test provider in Canada. Starts every Monday.

### **Pathways Program**

Pathway courses assist international students who want to study in North America. Upon completion of the Pathway requirement, students meet the language requirement and



may then apply directly to partner post-secondary institutions without further language testing.

### **English for Families**

Offers a welcoming environment where families will experience top quality English instruction, clean and safe city-life and breath-taking Canadian wilderness. Children aged 5 to 13 will attend courses designed for fun active learning. Imaginative activities and group project work will develop confidence in English communication skills. Parents and other adult family members will attend the General English courses (20 lessons/week).

Summer: July to September

Winter: December to February

### **One to One Lessons**

Focused on the learners needs, One-to-One lessons help the learner focus their studies even further. Each lesson is 55 minutes long. Personalized attention, guidance and feedback from experienced and friendly teachers will help the learner reach their English goals. Students with limited time to study English will find this program ideal in enhancing their English skills.

Cost for all programs: Tuition, depending on number of weeks and lessons.

Application needed. See website for more details.

Address: VanWest College

104-532 Leon Ave, Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 6J6 Canada

250.762.5256

[jasmine@vanwest.com](mailto:jasmine@vanwest.com)

<http://vanwest.com/programs/english/>

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## **University of British Columbia- Okanagan**

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### **English Foundation Program**

Provides university admission to students who meet all the academic requirements for a Bachelor of Arts, Science, Applied Science, Management, Fine Arts or Human Kinetics degree program, yet who do not meet the University of British Columbia's English Language Admission Standards.

Combines intensive English Language training and academic courses while engaging students in campus life.

*University of British Columbia – Okanagan Continued*

Registration is open for January and September start dates. Students are evaluated for the program if they meet the university's admission requirements and the minimum English Foundation Program Entry Scores yet are not fully admissible to UBC.

Complete and submit an application at <https://you.ubc.ca/ubc/okanagan/howapply.ezc>

Once you have applied, please contact Kirsten Bennett.

Cost: International students: \$7800, plus living costs and two academic courses.

Domestic: \$6,200, plus living costs and two academic courses.

Primary Contact: Kirsten Bennett

Address: UBC Okanagan

3333 University Way, Kelowna, BC V1V 1V7

[kirsten.bennett@ubc.ca](mailto:kirsten.bennett@ubc.ca)

<http://students.ok.ubc.ca/efp/welcome.html>