

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESLN)

The ESLN department helps adult immigrants improve their English language abilities in order to pursue a variety of academic, vocational, and personal goals. Six Certificate of Competency programs are organized in a sequence of levels (from Beginning Literacy to Level 5) and provide integrated, immersive language instruction in all skill areas. Students can also select shorter, targeted skill courses designed to improve their performance in a particular area (listening, speaking, pronunciation, reading, vocabulary, grammar, writing). Completion of a combination of these targeted skill classes can lead to additional certificates in Written Communication Skills and Oral Communication Skills. The ESLN Path to Citizenship program combines language instruction with lessons in U.S. culture, civics, history and government and helps eligible students prepare for the naturalization exam. We also offer a TOEFL preparation course. Students can select the type of class most appropriate for their success: in-person, online or hybrid (a combination of in-person and online).

Program Outcomes

1. Students will be able to relate in various types of oral performance, conversation, and presentation.
2. Students will be able to interpret various types of literature, including authentic materials.
3. Students will be able to compose grammatically correct, well organized paragraphs and summaries of reading materials.

The Noncredit ESL Program curriculum provides intensive English Language instruction in Literacy to High-Intermediate level integrated courses (Levels 0-5). The program also offers four elective courses including Grammar, Conversation, American Culture, and Writing. The program provides students with increased opportunities for successful employment and academic achievement. The ESL Bridge Program helps students seamlessly transition to credit ESL classes.

- ESLN Level 1 - Certificate of Competency (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/noncredit-division/english-second-language/esl-level-1-cert-competency/>)
- ESLN Level 2 - Certificate of Competency (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/noncredit-division/english-second-language/esl-level-2-cert-competency/>)
- ESLN Level 3 - Certificate of Competency (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/noncredit-division/english-second-language/esl-level-3-cert-competency/>)
- ESLN Level 4 - Certificate of Competency (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/noncredit-division/english-second-language/esl-level-4-cert-competency/>)
- ESLN Level 5 - Certificate of Competency (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/noncredit-division/english-second-language/esl-level-5-cert-competency/>)
- ESLN Literacy - Certificate of Competency (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/noncredit-division/english-second-language/esl-literacy-cert-competency/>)

- ESLN Beginning – Intermediate Condensed (Levels 1–3) – Certificate of Competency (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/noncredit-division/english-second-language/esln-beginning-intermediate-condensed-levels-1-3-cert-competency/>)
- ESLN Advanced Condensed (Levels 4–5) – Certificate of Competency (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/noncredit-division/english-second-language/esln-advanced-condensed-levels-4-5-cert-competency/>)
- ESLN Intermediate Written Communication Skills - Certificate of Competency (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/noncredit-division/english-second-language/esln-intermediate-written-communication-skills-cert-competency/>)
- ESLN Advanced Written Communication Skills - Certificate of Competency (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/noncredit-division/english-second-language/esln-advanced-written-communication-skills-cert-competency/>)
- ESLN Intermediate Oral Communication Skills - Certificate of Competency (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/noncredit-division/english-second-language/esln-intermediate-oral-communication-skills-cert-competency/>)
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