

Beginning ESL

The beginning-level ESL class focuses on English for everyday life (e.g., job skills, health and medicine, money, time, telephone skills, communicating with a child's teacher). Students of the class will also be able to choose additional life and work topics they wish to study.

Prerequisite: Students must register and take the CASAS Appraisal test.

By the conclusion of this class, students will be able to:

Listening and Speaking

- Understand common words, basic greetings, commands, and simple phrases or sentences that contain familiar vocabulary.
- Understand simple questions related to personal information or everyday activities that are spoken slowly and with repetition.
- Understand a limited number of words related to immediate needs.
- Express immediate needs using simple, learned phrases or short sentences.
- Speak English, even though it may be slow, difficult and/or grammatically inaccurate.

Basic Reading and Writing

- Read numbers, letters, most sight words and other common words.
- Sound out simple words.
- Read and write familiar words, phrases and sentences with a limited understanding of connected prose in English.
- Write basic personal information (e.g., name, address, telephone) and complete simple forms eliciting this information.
- Write simple sentences with limited vocabulary.

Functional and Workplace Skills

- Function in familiar social situations and in some situations related to immediate needs.
- Provide basic, but perhaps limited, personal information on simple forms and read common forms of print found in the home, workplace and community.
- Handle routine entry-level jobs that require basic written or oral English communication and in which job tasks can be demonstrated.