



Adult English as a Second Language (ESL)

The **ESL Program for Adults** is funded by the Ministry of Education and allows us to assist learners to achieve a level of language competency which will enable them to meet their basic needs, to pursue employment or further education and to integrate into Canadian society.

We provide English language instruction to meet the specific and changing needs of our learners according to language abilities. We offer classes at pre-literacy to advanced levels, TOEFL Preparation, Pronunciation for Intermediate levels, Conversation at the advanced level, and so on. We prepare people for further education, such as high school, college and university. We help to empower students and their families by facilitating and encouraging their participation within their communities.

We play an active role in the integration and settlement process for newcomer families. We provide the window into Canadian society and cultures.

In many instances we are the first contact newcomers have with Canada and we provide them with a warm and supportive reception. However, not all of our students are newcomers. Many of our students



have lived and worked in Canada but through circumstances beyond their control were unable to access language training when they arrived.

Our reputation for providing meaningful language instruction to meet the needs of a very diverse population is what brings our learners to the OCDSB.

Our ESL population is composed of landed immigrants, convention refugees, refugee claimants, individuals on various government-sponsored visas and Canadian citizens. Classes run on a continuous intake model where registration is ongoing. A snapshot of the number of students in adult ESL classes at any one time is not indicative of the total number who pass through the classes throughout the year.

In 2006-2007 over 2,000 students were enrolled over four semesters: fall, winter, spring and summer. We offered approximately 40 classes at 7 sites as part of a day and evening program from beginner to advanced level. Following is a list of our adult ESL locations:

- ✓ Bayshore P.S.
- ✓ Dalhousie Community Centre
- ✓ York St. P.S.
- ✓ 440 Albert St. (day and evening)
- ✓ 88 Main Street
- ✓ Rideau H.S.



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