

EAL volunteer training schedule, fall 2009

Participants should confirm attendance prior to workshop by phoning 945-0219.

PARKING

- Tuesday workshops at Elmwood High School: free parking at Chalmers Community Club
- Tuesday CALL workshops at Sir William Osler School: park on side streets, **not** in staff lot
- Saturday workshops at Duckworth Centre: free, two-hour parking at area meters
- Saturday CALL workshop at English Skills Centre: free, two-hour meters, or in area lots

Introduction to EAL

Tue., Oct. 13, 1 to 3 p.m., Room 234, Elmwood High School, 505 Chalmers Ave.

Sat., Oct. 17, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Room 3D01: University of Winnipeg Duckworth Centre, 400 Spence St.

EAL Benchmarks

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1 to 3 p.m., Room 234, Elmwood High School, 505 Chalmers Ave.

Sat., Oct. 24, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Room 3D01: University of Winnipeg Duckworth Centre, 400 Spence St.

Reading and Writing

Tue., Oct. 27, 1 to 3 p.m., Room 234, Elmwood High School, 505 Chalmers Ave.

Sat., Oct. 31, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Room 3D01: University of Winnipeg Duckworth Centre, 400 Spence St.

Listening and Speaking

Tue., Nov. 3, 1 to 3 p.m., Room 234, Elmwood High School, 505 Chalmers Ave.

Sat., Nov. 7, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Room 3D01: University of Winnipeg Duckworth Centre, 400 Spence St.

Language and Culture

Tue., Nov. 10, 1 to 3 p.m., Room 234, Elmwood High School, 505 Chalmers Ave.

Sat., Nov. 14, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Room 3D01: University of Winnipeg Duckworth Centre, 400 Spence St.

CALL (Computer Assisted Language Learning)

Tue., Nov. 17, 1 to 3 p.m., Sir William Osler School, 1600 Grant Ave.

Sat., Nov. 21, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, English Skills Centre, 15th Floor, 275 Portage Ave.

Assisting Low Level EAL Literacy

Tue., Nov. 24, 1 to 3 p.m., Room 234, Elmwood High School, 505 Chalmers Ave.

Sat., Nov. 28, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Room 3D01: University of Winnipeg Duckworth Centre, 400 Spence St.

Conversation Circles

Tue., Dec. 1, 1 to 3 p.m., Room 234, Elmwood High School, 505 Chalmers Ave.

Tue., Dec. 5, 10 to 12:00 noon, Room 3D01: University of Winnipeg Duckworth Centre, 400 Spence St.

Adult EAL volunteer training

Description of workshops

If you are interested in attending any of these workshops please call 945-0219 to register. Workshops are free and are repeated throughout the year.

Introduction to Adult EAL: This workshop examines some of the key factors in Adult English as an Additional Language learning such as characteristics of adult learners, the settlement process, the role of culture, language diversity, and the roles of EAL volunteers. This workshop is highly recommended for all volunteers working with adult immigrants whether they have a background in education or are new to the field.

Canadian Language Benchmarks: Participants explore the Canadian Language Benchmarks and how they are used in programs in Canada. There's an opportunity to view a video of actual speaking situations and to become familiar with the four skills and the benchmarks. This interactive workshop is an opportunity to learn more about the gradual acquisition of English.

Reading and Writing: Participants learn about some key issues related to learning to read and write in an additional language. It also provides some practical approaches to reading and writing for learners with a range of literacy skills. The workshop will address differences between native and non-native English speaker literacy issues.

Listening and Speaking: This workshop focuses on oral language. It offers a variety of methods and activities for listening and speaking. It is of practical value to anyone working as a teacher's assistant, a tutor or language partner.

Language and Culture: This popular workshop offers tips about sensitive cultural issues. It is critical for anyone working with newcomers.

CALL (Computer Assisted Language Learning): Volunteers explore some of the thousands of EAL websites. This is a hands-on workshop. Basic computer knowledge required.

Conversation Circles: Participants learn guided oral activities, hands-on games and topics that help learners build self-confidence and self-esteem. Participants work together to develop language themes.

Basic Literacy for EAL: This workshop addresses the special needs of learners who do not speak English and who have little or no literacy in their first language. Participants learn alternative strategies for basic reading, writing and numeracy.