

Community College of Philadelphia

English as a Second Language Program and Services (ESL)

Would you like to improve your academic English skills and succeed in college at the same time? Community College of Philadelphia, with the largest ESL program in Pennsylvania, welcomes more than 700 students annually to its campus in historic center city Philadelphia. We offer the college experience, skill development, affordable tuition and a wide range of two-year degrees and certificates, as well as seamless transfer to four-year institutions.

"The ESL program at the College gave me excellent tools to matriculate into and succeed in a B.S./M.S. Engineering program at Drexel University. Many other College graduates are also in my program. The excellent program, faculty and my colleagues at the College made this a super program for me."

– Zhenhua Cai, A.S. 2004, Community College of Philadelphia; B.S, M.S. 2007, Engineering, Drexel University

The extensive ESL curriculum enables students to study English in small classes, with an average of 18 to 20 students, in a widely diverse and multicultural environment. The expert faculty and experienced support staff provide personal help with orientation and registration, as well as with academic and transfer planning.

English Courses

Through courses that combine reading and writing, you will develop a wider vocabulary, improve your reading skills and understand grammar. You will:

- read and write for everyday purposes
- read college level textbooks
- write academic compositions
- read and write to improve job and economic opportunities

In courses for listening and speaking, you will learn a variety of skills, from conversational strategies to presenting and debating skills. Advanced students:

- listen to college lectures
- take notes
- speak in formal and informal situations

College Content Courses

While working on your English skills, you can take college credit courses based on your academic needs and English proficiency. You may take:

- biology
- chemistry



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- computer information systems
- psychology
- sociology

You can also take courses in the following subject areas at different levels of English proficiency:

- art (such as drawing and ceramics)
- mathematics
- music (such as piano and guitar)
- office administration
- photography

Support Services

The College offers ESL students a wide range of academic support services to help students succeed:

- experienced English teachers trained in ESL
- learning lab specialists and tutors offering classroom support and individual services
- academic advisors that help you choose courses
- specifically trained counselors to help you plan a career and prepare to transfer to four-year colleges and universities
- field trips and other activities related to classroom topics

Path to Possibilities

Most students who complete the ESL program continue with their studies and earn an associate's degree or transfer to four-year institutions. Graduates have pursued careers in numerous fields, including:

- business
- clinical laboratory technology
- computer programming

College Information

Visit the College Website at www.ccp.edu to find out about:

Academic Programs

www.ccp.edu/site/academic/

Admissions Process

www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/admissions_process.php

Transfer Agreements

www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/transfer_agreements/

Financial Aid

www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/financial_aid/

Scholarships and Awards

www.ccp.edu/site/current/scholarships/

College Life

www.ccp.edu/site/current/student_life/

Directions to the College

www.ccp.edu/site/locations/main.php

- diagnostic medical imaging
- education
- nursing
- pharmacy

Admission to the College

We accept students on an open enrollment basis, meaning that applications are accepted at all times of the year. For registration information, call **215-751-8010** or e-mail admissions@ccp.edu.

After submitting their application, prospective ESL students will take an English placement test that will assist the College in determining which course level is appropriate for each student.

For more information, please visit www.ccp.edu/site/academic/departments/esl/

Affirmative Action Statement

Community College of Philadelphia is committed to the principles of equal employment and equal educational opportunity for all persons without regard to race, color, ancestry, creed, national or ethnic origin, age, sexual orientation/preference, religion, sex, disability or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam Era, in the administration of its educational programs, activities, or employment in accordance with applicable Federal statutes and regulations. Any questions regarding this statement should be directed to the Director, Office of Diversity and Equity located in room M2-36; telephone number 215-751-8039.