ESL Classes
Learn English

Adult Education courses are tuition-free!
Start today and take a step toward college or a better job.

Know the options available to you through the English as a Second Language (ESL) program at City Colleges of Chicago. The program aims to help students from all skill levels learn the English language by focusing on the following topics:

- Speaking
- Listening
- Reading
- Writing
- Vocabulary Development
- Grammar
- Civics and Citizenship

Bridge Programs

In the Career Bridge program, students prepare to earn their high school equivalency degree (GED/HiSET) while learning about one of the following careers:

- Early Childhood Education (at Daley, Kennedy-King, and Truman)
- Healthcare (at Malcolm X and Olive-Harvey, and Wright)
- Supply Chain and Transportation Technology (at Olive-Harvey)

Gateway to City Colleges of Chicago

In the Gateway to City Colleges of Chicago Program, Career Bridge completers and other eligible Adult Education students receive reduced tuition and supportive services for four semesters as they transition into credit certificate and degree programs.

Important Information

ESL Program Eligibility

- Must live in Illinois
- Social Security number is NOT required
- J1 visas are not permitted
- We accept 16-and 17-year old students, but they must submit a high school release form from their former high school. Please speak to staff from the Adult Ed program if you have never attended school in the United States.
Distance Learning

Adult Education classes are offered in a distance-learning format. Students connect with their teachers through Brightspace, Zoom, email, and phone calls.

How to Apply

- Click on the application link at ccc.edu/AdultEd.
- If you need help with your application, head to Virtual Student Services at ccc.edu/VSS.

Chromebook Loaner Program

After you apply online, use your CCC student information to request a loaner Chromebook by:

- Completing the loaner Chromebook form at ccc.edu/LoanerLaptop,
- Using the Live Chat service at ccc.edu/VSS, or
- Calling 773-COLLEGE.