ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE Program

Read this information carefully. It will answer questions you have about the ESL Program at Bellevue College.

1. Can I take English as a Second Language classes at Bellevue College?
   - If you have an Exchange Visitor visa (J-1) or a Student visa (F-1/M-1) or a Visitor visa (B-1/B-2), you cannot take $25 ESL classes at BC. Please contact the English Language Institute to ask for a schedule of their English classes. 425-564-3185
   - You should be a U.S. Citizen, an immigrant or a refugee to take classes at BC.
   - There is a $25 charge each quarter.
   - You must be 18 years of age.
   - We cannot guarantee that we can put you in a class.

2. How can I enroll in an ESL class if I am a refugee, immigrant, or citizen?
   - You must come to R130 to make an appointment to take the placement tests.
   - You will take Reading, Writing, and Listening placement tests.
   - After the tests, we will tell you when to come to register for your Orientation classes.
   - Enrollment will depend on availability of a seat in the class that you test into.
   - Attend seven Orientation classes which start in the fourth week of the quarter. Summer Orientation classes will begin in the first week of the quarter.
   - Register for a regular ESL class after completing the Orientation classes.

3. When you come to take the tests,
   - Bring some form of identification with you.
   - Bring your address and phone number.
   - Do not bring children to the test time.

4. Parking can be very difficult at Bellevue College.
   - Please allow plenty of time to find a parking spot.
   - Plan to be at the test room 15-20 minutes before test time.
   - You must park in Lot 9A, 9B, 9D, or Lot 12, or on the 5th floor of the parking garage.
   - Pay $2 in one of the meters so you don’t get a parking ticket.

5. ESL Orientation Classes
   - Every ESL student must attend seven Orientation classes.
   - This is an introduction to ESL classes at Bellevue College.
   - In these classes, you will take listening and reading tests, write your short and long term goals, learn about different opportunities to learn English, take a tour of the campus and decide what steps will be next to get into English class.
   - These late-start classes will not begin until the fourth week of the quarter.
   - Summer Orientation classes will begin in the first week of the quarter.
   - These classes will be 3.5 hours, 1 day a week, for seven weeks.
6. **What can I do if I have been tested at another school?**  
- Bellevue College accepts scores from all the other Community Colleges, and Hopelink/Eastside Literacy.  
- Please bring a letter or a card with testing information. We will need CASAS Reading and Listening scores and the date you were tested.

7. **What ESL (English-as-a Second Language) classes do you have at BC?**  
- **Orientation classes** will be 3.5 hours, one day a week, for seven weeks.

- **Regular classes:** We have six levels of regular ESL classes for immigrants, refugees, and citizens for a fee of $25. These classes will help improve your skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Regular classes are held Mondays through Fridays. There are morning, afternoon, and evening classes. *Classes are 8-10 hours per week 2-5 days a week.* We try hard to match your schedule to a class.

- **Preparing for Work, On the Job Communication, and Working in English** are free classes for **people who live in Bellevue** and who are able to work in the U.S. In this class, you will practice your English and learn important work skills that will help you get a job. You will learn how to prepare for a job application and interview. Students will practice filling out application forms, making telephone calls, learn interview skills, and prepare a resume. When the class is over, students are ready look for a job with confidence. These classes are three or four hours per week, Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 - 7:20 pm or on Saturday from 9:00 am – 12:50 pm.

- **IBEST:** Earn college credits and improve your English! I-BEST combines study in college-level credit classes while enrolled in ESL. Earn a short term certificate for Office Assistant or Accounting Preparation. For advanced ESL levels 5 and 6. This is a great program to start on a career pathway or your college goals! For more information call (425)564-2363.

8. **Is childcare available?**  
- Call 425-564-2240 for information about childcare at Bellevue College.  
- There is **no free** childcare at Bellevue College.

9. **What can I do while I wait for a class?**  
- Visit your library KCLS.org  
- Find a Talk Time group.  
- **Other resources** for learning English in the community:
  - Lake Washington Technical College 425-739-8100 ext. 656  
  - Cascadia Community College 425-352-8158  
  - Renton Technical College 425-235-2352 ext. 5537  
  - Hopelink/Eastside Literacy 425-250-3007  
  - Jubilee REACH 425-746-0506  
  - King County Libraries offer ESL classes and Talk Time groups.  
- Take Community classes from the English Language Institute at Bellevue College. Call 425-564-2411 or 425-564-3185 for information.

* You will get a class if space allows. **We cannot guarantee a class.**