

Course Information Form (CIF)

Course Code: ESL 065

Course Title: Communication Skills for Low-Intermediate English Speakers

Department: Adult Education and Workforce Development

Effective Date: Summer 2026

PCS Code: 1.9 - English as a Second Language

CIP Code: 32.042

Repeatability: 3

Credit Hours

Catalog Notation: 1-0-1 through 13-0-13

Credit Hour Distribution:

Lecture: 13

Lab: 0

Clinical: 0

Total: 13

General Course Information

Catalog Description

Development of basic reading, writing, listening and speaking skills needed by non-native speakers of English in order to function in daily life, at the workplace, and as a U.S. resident. Requires literacy in first language.

General Course Objectives

Non-native speakers will develop the essential listening and speaking skills needed to function in daily life, at the workplace, and as a U.S. resident.

Minimum Placement Levels

English

None

Reading

None

Math

None

Prerequisites

None

Methods of Evaluation

Pre- and post-test scores on the CASAS, quizzes, tests, out-of-class assignments, class participation.

Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

[Step Forward Level 2](#)

[Step Forward Level 3](#)

Course Content

General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Communication: Students will demonstrate the ability to read, write, listen, and speak effectively.
- Reasoning and Inquiry: Students will demonstrate the ability to solve problems using deductive reasoning and logic, quantitative reasoning, or the scientific method.

Course Segments and Student Learning Outcomes

1 credit hour option

Meet requirements from previous credit hour group plus:

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Skill Acquisition	1. Develop step-by-step acquisition of skills needed to improve English literacy. 2. Recognize components of a five-paragraph essay. 3. Demonstrate knowledge in math materials appropriate for own ability. 4. Establish an account to access customizable prescription-based Pre-ESL instructional program, and learn, if necessary, basic computer skills.	15	0	0

2 credit hour option

Meet requirements from previous credit hour group plus:

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Literature and Writing Styles	1. Identify popular literature and various forms included. 2. Write sentences using correct verb tense and punctuation.	15	0	0

3 credit hour option

Meet requirements from previous credit hour group plus:

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Fact, Fiction, and Number Systems	1. Distinguish between fact and fiction. 2. Write sentences using correct verb tense and correct punctuation. 3. Identify structure of a paragraph, topic sentence, and supporting sentences. 4. Write unified paragraphs. 5. Demonstrate mastery of whole number operations. 6. Demonstrate understanding of the decimal system, fractions, and percents. 7. Solve word problems containing fractions, decimals, and percents.	15	0	0

4 credit hour option

Meet requirements from previous credit hour group plus:

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Higher Critical Thinking and Essay Development	1. Develop higher order thinking skills and discern necessary information from graphic illustrations. 2. Write a three-paragraph essay: introduction, body paragraph, and conclusion. 3. Use a calculator; understand ratio and proportions; and understand data, including mean, median, and mode.	15	0	0

5 credit hour option**Meet requirements from previous credit hour group plus:**

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Literacy Skills	1. Develop basic literacy skills needed in areas of reading, writing, and mathematics to advance to intermediate ESL communication. Reading scores from NRS 5-6. Post-test results will document increase in reading.	15	0	0

6 credit hour option**Meet requirements from previous credit hour group plus:**

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Literacy Skills	1. Develop basic literacy skills needed in areas of reading, writing, and mathematics to advance to intermediate ESL communication. Reading scores from NRS 5-6. Post-test results will document increase in reading.	15	0	0

7 credit hour option**Meet requirements from previous credit hour group plus:**

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Literacy Skills	1. Develop basic literacy skills needed in areas of reading, writing, and mathematics to advance to intermediate ESL communication. Reading scores from NRS 5-6. Post-test results will document increase in reading.	15	0	0

8 credit hour option**Meet requirements from previous credit hour group plus:**

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Literacy Skills	1. Develop basic literacy skills needed in areas of reading, writing, and mathematics to advance to intermediate ESL communication. Reading scores from NRS 5-6. Post-test results will document increase in reading.	15	0	0

9 credit hour option**Meet requirements from previous credit hour group plus:**

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Literacy Skills	1. Develop basic literacy skills needed in areas of reading, writing, and mathematics to advance to intermediate ESL communication. Reading scores from NRS 5-6. Post-test results will document increase in reading.	15	0	0

10 credit hour option**Meet requirements from previous credit hour group plus:**

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Literacy Skills	1. Develop basic literacy skills needed in areas of reading, writing, and mathematics to advance to intermediate ESL communication. Reading scores from NRS 5-6. Post-test results will document increase in reading.	15	0	0

11 credit hour option**Meet requirements from previous credit hour group plus:**

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Literacy Skills	1. Develop basic literacy skills needed in areas of reading, writing, and mathematics to advance to intermediate ESL communication. Reading scores from NRS 5-6. Post-test results will document increase in reading.	15	0	0

12 credit hour option**Meet requirements from previous credit hour group plus:**

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Literacy Skills	1. Develop basic literacy skills needed in areas of reading, writing, and mathematics to advance to intermediate ESL communication. Reading scores from NRS 5-6. Post-test results will document increase in reading.	15	0	0

13 credit hour option**Meet requirements from previous credit hour group plus:**

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Literacy Skills	1. Develop basic literacy skills needed in areas of reading, writing, and mathematics to advance to intermediate ESL communication. Reading scores from NRS 5-6. Post-test results will document increase in reading.	15	0	0

Total Contact Hours

Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
195	0	0