Course Information Form (CIF)

Course Code: ESL 066

Course Title: Communication Skills for Intermediate English Speakers

Department: Adult Education and Workforce Development
Effective Date: Summer 2026
PCS Code: 1.9 - English as a Second Language
CIP Code: 32.044
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 reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills needed by non-native speakers of English in order for entry-level functioning in the workplace as well as community college workforce and academic preparation programs.

General Course Objectives

By using authentic readings from books, handbooks, manuals, magazines, and newspapers, students will develop the reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills needed for entry-level functioning in the workplace as well as community college workforce and academic preparation programs.

Minimum Placement Levels

English	Reading	Math
None	None	None

Prerequisites

None

Methods of Evaluation

Pre- and post-test scores on the CASAS, quizzes, tests, oral presentations, assignments, participation.

Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

Step Forward Level 4

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
College Comprehension, Writing, and Constitution	1. Comprehend the format of college entrance requirements and constitution test. 2. Demonstrate, based on practice test scores, ability to test; identify areas that need improvement. 3. Demonstrate knowledge of test-taking tips. 4. Demonstrate understanding of the requirements for United States and Illinois Constitution Test.	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
Writing Development	1. Demonstrate knowledge of the basic principles of writing a five-paragraph essay. 2. Produce five-paragraph essays. 3. Identify different types of errors in organization, sentence structure, usage, or mechanics. 4. Interpret graphics and apply the information in a way different from that which was provided in the graphics, an essential test-taking skill. 5. Develop problem-solving strategies for math tests: find a pattern, use formulas, and analyze data.	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
Social Studies and Science	1. Use critical thinking skills by applying scientific knowledge to real life topics. 2. Demonstrate general knowledge of concepts and processes in science. 3. Identify seven continents on a map; develop a better sense of geographic locations of countries. 4. Evaluate own comprehension, application, and analysis skills. 5. Use a calculator. 6. Demonstrate knowledge of rules and vocabulary needed to solve basic algebraic equations.	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
Expressing Ideas and Practice Tests	1. Write, in a 45-minute time period, an effective five-paragraph essay. 2. Express skills necessary to test by achieving a passing score on the practice tests in science and social studies. 3. Demonstrate an understanding of basic algebra and geometry and successfully pass practice tests.	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
College Preparation and Workforce Development	1. Plan to pursue studying in a college setting or entering the workforce by using additional supplemental materials to reinforce learning. 2. Demonstrate successful completion of the ESL program by CASAS (235+).	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
College Preparation and Workforce Development	1. Plan to pursue studying in a college setting or entering the workforce by using additional supplemental materials to reinforce learning. 2. Demonstrate successful completion of the ESL program by CASAS (235+).	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
College Preparation and Workforce Development	1. Plan to pursue studying in a college setting or entering the workforce by using additional supplemental materials to reinforce learning. 2. Demonstrate successful completion of the ESL program by CASAS (235+).	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
College Preparation and Workforce Development	1. Plan to pursue studying in a college setting or entering the workforce by using additional supplemental materials to reinforce learning. 2. Demonstrate successful completion of the ESL program by CASAS (235+).	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
College Preparation and Workforce Development	1. Plan to pursue studying in a college setting or entering the workforce by using additional supplemental materials to reinforce learning. 2. Demonstrate successful completion of the ESL program by CASAS (235+).	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
College Preparation and Workforce Development	1. Plan to pursue studying in a college setting or entering the workforce by using additional supplemental materials to reinforce learning. 2. Demonstrate successful completion of the ESL program by CASAS (235+).	15	0	0

11 credit hour option

Meet requirements from previous credit hour group plus:

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College Preparation and Workforce Development	1. Plan to pursue studying in a college setting or entering the workforce by using additional supplemental materials to reinforce learning. 2. Demonstrate successful completion of the ESL program by CASAS (235+).	15	0	0

12 credit hour option

Meet requirements from previous credit hour group plus:

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College Preparation and Workforce Development	1. Plan to pursue studying in a college setting or entering the workforce by using additional supplemental materials to reinforce learning. 2. Demonstrate successful completion of the ESL program by CASAS (235+).	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
College Preparation and Workforce Development	1. Plan to pursue studying in a college setting or entering the workforce by using additional supplemental materials to reinforce learning. 2. Demonstrate successful completion of the ESL program by CASAS (235+).	15	0	0

Total Contact Hours

Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
195	0	0