About the English Empowerment Center

The mission of the English Empowerment Center is to teach adults the basic skills of reading, writing, speaking, and understanding English so they can access employment and educational opportunities and more fully and equitably participate in the community.

Established in 1962 as a grassroots effort, today the English Empowerment Center is a nationally recognized leader in beginning-level English language instruction for adults that has served over 60,000 learners.

We provide the crucial first steps of English instruction to adults whose English language level is at the 6th grade level or below. At the English Empowerment Center, adults learn to speak, read, and write English, empowering them to make measurable improvements in their lives and the lives of their families.

English Empowerment Center Classes Are:

- Affordable
- Offered at various locations and times
- Led by a highly trained instructional team
- Intensive, with small class sizes and extended instructional hours
- Supportive, fostering an engaging classroom community

Courses subject to change.
Call 703-237-0866 for more information.
Course Offerings

Registration (including oral and/or written English proficiency tests) required for all courses.

Beginning-level English Classes
English Empowerment Center’s Beginning-level English classes teach the foundational skills adult English language learners need to learn to speak, understand, read, and write English. Classes are held at least twice a week for two-hour class sessions at three academic levels. Curricula focuses on basic English skills within the context of day-to-day interactions and life skills, U.S. culture, community, and family life. Classes incorporate technology to enhance instruction.

Family Learning Program
English Empowerment Center’s Family Learning Program provides English language instruction classes for parents or caregivers, empowering them to be their child’s first teacher and engage in their children’s education. Children participate in reading and writing activities and receive guidance with their homework. Twice a month, children join the adult class for shared literacy activities.

Destination Workforce®/English for Work
The purpose of this class is for students to learn English and prepare for employment by teaching the skills needed to get a job. Students will learn best practices as they follow the job search process such as producing strong resumes and cover letters, recognizing the purpose of common interview questions and preparing favorable responses, and participating in mock interviews with retired HR professionals.

Introduction to Writing
The purpose of this writing class is to develop foundational writing skills by learning and applying elements of great writing. Students will learn the basics of writing sentences and organizing them into paragraphs to communicate information clearly. They will learn English grammar rules and build vocabulary as they practice their reading and writing skills.

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