



ESL Standards Proficient Instructor Training

ESL Standards Proficient Instructor Training is strongly recommended by the Illinois Community College Board for all adult education ESL instructors. It has three components:

- *Introduction to ESL Standards* online course through iLEARN (5 hours)
- Two webinars (3 hours each)
- Final assignment (3 hours)

Participation is open to ESL instructors employed by ICCB-funded adult education programs only. There is no cost to attend.

Step 1: Meet the Eligibility Requirements

Instructors must be “ESL Preferred Instructors” as outlined on the [ICCB ESL Instructional Staff Professional Pathway](#) by meeting 5 criteria:

1. Proficiency in English
2. Technology/Digital Literacy proficiency
3. Completion of professional development relevant to ESL
4. Experience with English language learners
5. Training or coursework in ESL teaching methodology, to be met in one of these ways:
 - MA-TESOL degree
 - ESL Endorsement on a state K-12 teaching license
 - ESL certificate from a recognized institution of higher education
 - Certificate from the iLEARN course *ESL Methods* (7 hrs)

Step 2: Apply to Participate in Training

Eligible instructors must apply to participate in training. Your application must be approved before you can register for the training. Application periods are announced in the **PDN Pulse** email messages.

Step 3: Register for a Training Cohort

The link to register will be sent when your application is approved.

Three virtual cohorts of **ESL Standards Proficient Instructor Training** will be held in FY24.

Cohort 1: APPLICATION PERIOD August 29 - September 20, 2023

Fridays, October 13 and 20, 2023

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Cohort 2: APPLICATION PERIOD September 26 - October 18, 2023

Fridays, November 10 and 17, 2023

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Cohort 3: APPLICATION PERIOD January 16 - February 8, 2024

Saturdays, March 2 and 9, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Step 4: Begin your training with the *Introduction to ESL Standards* online course

The first part of ESPI training is an online course in iLEARN: *Introduction to ESL Standards*. See your registration confirmation message for instructions on how to access the course.

Click here to subscribe to the PDN Listserv to receive PDN Pulse email announcements of ESL Standards Proficient Instructor Training and other PD events.

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