

ELA Standards Proficient Instructor Training

ELA Standards Proficient Instructor (ESPI) Training is strongly recommended by the Illinois Community College Board for all adult education English Language Acquisition (ELA) instructors. It has three components:

- *Introduction to ELA Standards* online course through iLEARN (5 hours)
- In-person workshop or 2 live webinars (6 hours total)
- Final assignment (3 hours)

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

Meet the Eligibility Requirements

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Instructors must meet 5 criteria to be eligible for ESPI Training:

1. Proficiency in English
2. Technology/Digital Literacy proficiency
3. Completion of professional development relevant to ELA
4. Experience with English language learners
5. Training or coursework in ELA 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 *ELA Methods* (7 hrs)

Apply to Participate in ESPI Training

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Eligible instructors must apply to participate in training. Applicants must upload documentation of #5 above when applying.

Three cohorts of ESPI Training will be held in FY25:

Cohort 1: APPLICATION PERIOD September 3-23, 2024

Friday, October 18, 2024 **In-person only at Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield**

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Cohort 2: APPLICATION PERIOD December 10, 2024 - January 15, 2025

Fridays, January 31 and February 7, 2025 **Virtual**

1:00 - 4:00 pm

Cohort 3: APPLICATION PERIOD March 3-21, 2025

Saturdays, April 12 and 26, 2025 **Virtual**

9:00 am. - 12:00 pm

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Questions?

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