

ELA Standards Proficient Instructor Training FY26

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)
- 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.

Application periods for FY26 ESPI training will be announced in the PDN Pulse.

Watch for application announcements in the PDN Pulse emails on Tuesdays.
Sign up to receive the Pulse [HERE](#).

Questions?

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