



Program Components

The diagram below highlights the major topics covered in the program. Upon successful completion, the graduates receive Diploma in English as a Second Language program. For complete and detailed information please refer to the college catalog.



Career Opportunities



*Use of Existing Skills & Knowledge in America's Work Environment
Employment in Public or Private Entity • Self-Employment*

Our Mission

ORT's mission is to meet the educational and vocational needs of diverse students in the shortest time possible in a supportive, caring atmosphere. Further, the mission is to provide technical skills and knowledge necessary for employment and career advancement.

Success is measured by meeting or exceeding student, employer, and community expectations, and is shown by continued referrals and recommendations, employment of our students and pride in the accomplishments of ORT among the community and the pool of volunteers.



Program Objective

The English as a Second Language (ESL) program provides students with the language skills necessary to become successful members of the American society. The program teaches skills for entering the job market and the graduates of intermediate and advanced clusters (and levels) of this program will acquire sufficient English and job related information to successfully begin work.

The ESL program focuses on vocational preparation, socialization skills, and functional grammar in a cumulative program. At each level, new language skills are presented while the skills learned in prior levels are reinforced by increasingly sophisticated applications of interpersonal communication.

Listening, reading, and writing are incorporated into the syllabus at each level although the program focuses mainly on oral communication. Holidays are studied and issues of living and working in a multi-cultural society are covered in greater depth at each level.



Program Length

The ESL program is divided into three clusters of Basic, Intermediate and Advanced. Each cluster is divided in 4 to 6 courses. Students may enroll for a single ESL course or a comprehensive program of 36, 30 or 24 semester credit hours comprised of 720, 600 or 480 clock hours, respectively.

This program may be offered in the morning, afternoon, or evening sessions. The morning and afternoon sessions are taught 5 days per week (Monday through Friday) for approximately 30 weeks of instruction.

In the evening session, this program is taught 4 evenings per week (Monday through Thursday) for approximately 40 weeks of instruction.

Class Schedule

Morning Session: Mon. - Thurs., 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. & Fridays 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Evening Session: Mon. - Thurs., 5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.