

Intensive English Program (IEP) (Certificate Program)

OBJECTIVE/OPPORTUNITIES

The Intensive English program at LAORT provides students with the language skills necessary to communicate in everyday conversation in a nurturing learning environment and through the best instruction possible. In the Intensive English program students learn and practice functional English rooted in basic grammar, commonly used vocabulary, functional expressions and phrasal verbs and idioms they are likely to encounter outside of the classroom. At each level, new language skills are learned and reinforced together with skills learned in prior levels that allow for increasingly sophisticated applications of interpersonal communication. Students also have the opportunity of learning English through computers and technology. LA ORT uses software such as RosettaStone and CD's that accompany textbooks to assist in developing greater English language abilities in speaking, writing, listening, and reading. Students also practice grammar, reading, writing, speaking and listening skills in the computer lab where the instructor guides them through an activity that teaches students how to feel more comfortable interacting with the English language in a less formal structure than a textbook.

Entrance Requirements:

The Intensive English program applicants need to take written and oral language placement tests to be placed at one the following clusters as are shown in the following chart. The applicants will take the CELSA written test under supervision of an independent third party administrator.

Advancement to the next Level of an Intensive ESL Program:

Advancement to the next 240 clock hours is determined by achieving an overall minimum of 70% ("C" grade) or GPA of 2.0 for homework, quizzes, attendance and final oral and written tests at the end of each cluster. To successfully complete/ graduate one cluster or more, the student should have a minimum of "C" grade or "2.0" GPA with a minimum 80% attendance at the end of each cluster; the student will receive a certificate of graduation if s/he meets the graduation requirements.

Program Length:

Students enrolling in this program will be placed in one of the following clusters according to their placement test scores. Students can take an individual cluster equals to 240 clock hours. Upon completion of a cluster, students may enroll into the next cluster which includes two new levels. A student may enroll up to 9 clusters that equals to 18 levels or 2160 clock hours. The daytime program is conducted Monday-Thursday for 5 hours a day, and Friday for 4 hours, 24 hours a week, for a total of 10 weeks. The evening program is conducted Monday-Thursday for 4.5 hours a day, 18 hours a week for a total of 13.6 weeks.

Cluster s	Levels	Clock Hours	Clusters	Levels	Clock Hours	Clusters	Level	Clock Hours
1	IEP101, IEP102	240	7	IEP201, IEP202	240	13	IEP301, IEP302	240
2	IEP102, IEP103	240	8	IEP202, IEP203	240	14	IEP302, IEP303	240
3	IEP103, IEP104	240	9	IEP203, IEP204	240	15	IEP303, IEP304	240
4	IEP104, IEP105	240	10	IEP204, IEP205	240	16	IEP304, IEP305	240
5	IEP105, IEP106	240	11	IEP205, IEP206	240	17	IEP305, IEP306	240
6	IEP106, IEP201	240	12	IEP206, IEP301	240			