

Cultural Issues in ESOL Instruction

Culture is like an iceberg! Above the surface are the visible aspects of culture which are easy to see such as language, food greetings and dress. The biggest part of culture is hidden below the surface and includes invisible rules. This workshop will explore the effect that your learner's background has on his or her learning.

Teaching Reading and Incorporating Writing

This workshop distills a very complex topic into some key components to help tutors and instructors teach reading and writing more effectively. Participants will increase their understanding of fundamental concepts such as phonemic awareness, fluency, comprehension, and the writing process. The workshop focuses on the needs of adult learners. Sample activities and opportunities for hands-on practice will be provided.

Teaching Strategies for Literacy Level Learners

Literacy level ESOL learners have very little skills in English. Starting from square one can be intimidating, but we can help! This workshop will present strategies, activities, and even provide materials to help meet the demands of the College and Career Readiness Standards for Adult Education.

Teaching Strategies for Beginner Level Learners

How are we going to weave the employment skills and the College and Career Readiness Standards into the lower levels of our ESOL instruction? Upon completion of this workshop, participants will have a better idea of CCRS and what employment skills are needed for the beginning ESOL learner to succeed. They will learn practical strategies and tools to take directly back to their learners.

Teaching Strategies for Intermediate Learners

Intermediate learners have a good grasp of present, past and future, but need **more grammar help**. They can participate in some routine conversations, but need **more vocabulary and fluency activities**. They can comprehend and write simple sentences, but need practice with **longer more complex sentences and paragraph formation**. This workshop will look at strategies and activities to help intermediate learners meet the demands of the College and Career Readiness Standards for Adult Education.

Critical Thinking Skills and Academic Language for Advanced ESOL and ABE Learners

This workshop explores how to find, define and use complex texts to help learners develop higher level vocabulary, grammar and syntax. By diving into complex texts, learners will develop the ability to produce complex writing. Teaching tips for the advanced learner will also be shared.

Weaving in Career Readiness for Beginning Learner

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Overview of the GED

This workshop will help tutors and instructors to understand the content and delivery of the GED and will include up-to-date information about pass rates and instructor resources. In addition, participants will learn about PathSource, a recent addition to the GED website which helps learners make decisions about next steps toward their college or career of choice

Welcome to the Computer Lab

Participants will be provided an overview of available software and on-line resources which can be used by your learner independently, as an aid to your tutoring sessions or as a source for planning your tutoring sessions.

Teaching Computer Skills

We will share tips to get novice computer users more comfortable with searching the Internet, using email and word processing. This workshop will explore print resources, typing programs and online resources for new users and those entering the workforce.