

## Basic ESL

**Award Type:** Certificate of Competency

The Noncredit English as a Second Language (NESL) basic certificate is designed for non-native English-speaking students who want to read, write, listen, and speak in English at the high-beginning level. These skills provide academic, vocational, career, and life-skills pathways towards college credit classes to obtain a credit certificate or degree, and/or jobs that require higher-level English communication skills. Along with Intro to English A and B, students must select one of the following courses: NESL 7020A Spanish Literacy, NESL 7000 Intro to English Pre-A, NESL 7040 Conversation for Beginning ESL, NESL 7060 ESL Instructional Lab, or NESL 550 Fundamentals of Grammar. Classes and labs are tuition-free.

**The graduate of the Certificate of Competency in Basic ESL will:**

- Have core competencies at the certificate level in reading, writing, listening to, and speaking English in order to achieve their personal, vocational, and academic goals.

## Program Requirements

### Required Courses

Course Number	Course Title	Units
NESL 7001	Introduction to English A and	90.0 - 102.0 hours
NESL 7003	Introduction to English B	90.0 - 102.0 hours

**In addition to the courses above, one additional course is required. Select from one of the following courses:**

Course Number	Course Title	Units
NESL 7020A	Spanish Literacy	90.0 - 102.0 hours
	or	
NESL 7000	Introduction to English: Pre-A	90.0 - 102.0 hours
	or	
NESL 7040	Conversation for Beginning ESL	32.0 - 48.0 hours
	or	
NESL 7060	ESL Instructional Lab	8.0 hours
	or	
NESL 550	Fundamentals of Grammar	