

Community Learning Center

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The Community Learning Center (CLC) offers free classes for adults in the morning, afternoon, and evening.

For registration information, call 617-349-6363 or come to the CLC Monday-Thursday 8:30am - 9:30 pm or Friday 8:30am - 5:00 pm.

Classes Offered

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

We offer six levels of English classes that include instruction in conversation, grammar, reading, writing, and civics. Classes meet two and three days a week. We have twenty-four ESOL classes.

ESOL Classes in North Cambridge

The CLC has a site on Rindge Avenue in North Cambridge that includes a computer lab. We offer English classes with priority placement for Cambridge Housing Authority tenants and voucher recipients.

Reading, Writing, and Mathematics / High School Equivalency Preparation

We offer four levels of reading and mathematics classes to prepare students to pass the HiSET or GED test, both of which are given at official test centers.

Citizenship

We offer an evening citizenship preparation class for ESOL students who want to become U.S. citizens. Students work on speaking and listening skills and learn about U.S. history and government.

Bridge to College

Bridge to College is a free, dual-enrollment program with Bunker Hill Community College. Students prepare to transition to college by taking college writing and math.

Students must have a high school diploma (foreign diplomas are accepted, too, and must be translated into English). The program advisors assist students with college applications and financial aid.

Employment Training

NEW PROGRAM

Information Technology (IT) Careers Program

This new intensive and free career training program prepares participants for Computer User Support Specialist positions. Computer User Support Specialists configure, install, and maintain computer and network systems.

This program is ideal for adults who want to enter the field of information technology, have a high school diploma, and are eligible to work. The program provides participants with knowledge and skills that prepare them to get industry-recognized credentials and certificates (COMP TIA A+) required for employment in the industry.

The IT Careers Program is offered in collaboration with Just-A-Start, Bunker Hill Community College, and employers.

Healthcare Training Program

Together with the Academy for Healthcare Training and the Rindge School of Technical Arts, the CLC has training programs for immigrants who want to start careers as Certified Nursing Assistants or Home Health Aides. In addition, students improve their English, math, and job readiness skills. Our advisors help graduates of the program get jobs.

Career Pathways Program

This program offers career workshops and other activities, so participants can explore possible careers and employment opportunities to be able to support their families. Career Advisors help students to make informed decisions and facilitate their transition to college, trainings, or new jobs. This program is offered in collaboration with employers, higher education institutions, and Cambridge's Employment Program.

Workplace Education at MIT

In collaboration with MIT, we offer a workplace ESOL course for MIT employees. This course strengthens participants' on-the-job English skills and prepares them for an industry-recognized certification exam.