

**Capital Region
Adult Education Providers
for ESL and GED Preparation**
updated May 2011

English as a Second Language (ESL)

Literacy NY-Greater Capital Region

452-3382

www.literacynycap.org **FREE**

1510 Central Avenue

Albany, NY 12205

Service: One-to-one tutoring in conversational English. Lessons based on student's individual needs and goals. Tutoring takes place in public locations, mainly libraries, throughout Albany and Schenectady Counties. Tutoring occurs usually once or twice a week for 1 – 2 hours.

Conversation groups and small group classes are offered, depending on funding and/or availability of instructors.

Eligibility: Enrollment is continuous. Student must intend to make their permanent residence in the US, thus excluding persons or spouses who are here on temporary research, employment or educational programs. Refugees, immigrants, and low-income adults have priority, as do adults with employment goals and/or with children.

Adult Learning Center (School District)

475-6540

27 Western Avenue **FREE & Tuition-Fee Basis**

Albany, NY 12203

Service: ESL classroom instruction. Monday through Wednesday: 5:30 to 8:30 pm.

Eligibility: Enrollment is open and continuous. Participant must be a US citizen, permanent resident, or have refugee status to attend tuition-free. Others may attend on a tuition-fee basis.

Capital Region BOCES Adult Ed Office

862-4707

www.capregboces.org **FREE**

1031 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12205

Service: *21 years of age or older* Mixed-level ESL Classes offered in Albany, Schenectady, Schoharie and (part of) Saratoga Counties. Daytime classes and evening classes. A home-study course (GRASP *reading and writing*) is also offered to advanced level ESL students who wish to improve comprehension and writing skills.

BOCES sponsors several ESL classes. Students should call Pam at 862-4705. *Evening classes at BOCES in Colonie, afternoons at Albany Medical Center. Additional classes in the Schenendehowa School District and elsewhere – see flyer.*

EOC (Educational Opportunity Center)

273-1900

www.hvcc.edu/eoc **FREE – Income qualified**

30 Russell Road, Albany, NY 12206

ESL Albany

Service: Day and evening classes. Three levels of classes.

Eligibility: Enrollment is open and continuous. Must be a NYS resident for at least one year. Must be at least 16 years old and no longer enrolled in HS. Must meet economic guidelines. Students must have some literacy in own language and be able to write a simple sentence in English. (I.e., no true beginners)

Hudson Valley Community College

629-HVCC (4422)

www.hvcc.edu/eoc **FREE – Income qualified**

80 Vandenberg Avenue

Troy, New York 12180

see EOC above

Service: Two-year college, with a variety of courses and degrees. ESOL Classes. Tutoring and other support for students with special needs.

Intensive English Language Program (SUNY)

437-5040

www.albany.edu/ielp **INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE STUDENTS ONLY**

FEE VARIES EACH SEMESTER

University at Albany, SUNY

135 Western Avenue - RI 291

Albany, NY 12222

Service: Offered year-round. Fall and spring semesters: 16 weeks long; summer session, 8 weeks long. 23 class hours per week. High-beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels. Students engage in a variety of organized activities and cultural events to help ensure that they will experience the fullest possible use of the English language and increase their knowledge of American culture.

Eligibility: Full-time program is intended for serious students who either want to seek admission to an American college or who wish to improve their English for business or professional reasons.

Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County

274-8526

www.lvorc.org

FREE

1915 Fifth Avenue

Troy, NY 12180

Service: **One-to-one tutoring and also small class groups** in conversational English, *reading, pronunciation, civics, financial literacy, math, telephone conversation partners, reading buddies, family-to-family program...* Lessons based on student's individual needs and goals. Tutoring takes place in public locations, mainly libraries, but also in churches, coffee shops and elsewhere throughout Albany and Schenectady Counties *mainly in Rensselaer County*. Tutoring occurs usually once or twice a week for 1 – 2 hours.

TESOL Clinic at University at Albany

442-5010

University at Albany, Education Building, Room 115
1400 Washington Ave.
Albany, NY

Service: *Fee over 18 years of age - grammar/writing/conversation/reading/vocabulary/pronunciation in Spring and Fall -- See brochure in WKSTL Reference drawer file. Fall 2009 classes are held every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 7:15 - 8:45 p.m.* Classes taught by graduate TESOL students in Department of Educational Theory and Practice. For beginning, intermediate, and advanced adult learners. Held during fall and spring semesters. Evenings. Fee (\$45).

Eligibility: Adults from university community or broader Capital Region community.

Questar III ACCESS Center

271-7524

www.questar.org
283 River Street
Troy, NY 12180

FREE but Registration Fee ESL & TOEFL Preparation

Service: 21 and older looking Three levels of ESL Classes are offered at the center, as well as language lab, and ESL resource room. TOEFL Preparation.

Eligibility: Enrollment is open and continuous. Participant must be a US citizen, permanent resident, or have refugee status to attend tuition-free. Temporary residents are charged tuition (fees vary), F1 visas and those with no legal status are not accepted. Participants must score below 600 on the BEST Plus evaluation.

Schenectady County Community College

381-1315

www.sunysccc.edu
78 Washington Ave.
Schenectady, NY 12305

FEE--no financial aid, but some employers will pay for employees

Service: Classroom instruction.

Eligibility: Students must be 17 years or older.

1199 SEIU

434-1301 ext. 201

Training and Employment Funds

www.1199seiu.org
163 Washington Ave.
Albany, New York

Service: Internal classes -- not open to the public -- This is a Health Care Union that helps its members ESL classes are through Literacy Volunteers for their members. . Most employees are service workers in area hospitals and nursing homes. Classes are usually offered twice weekly.

Eligibility: Health workers in SEIU 1199. (Will accept referrals from collaborating agencies.)

US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants

459-1790

www.refugeesalbany.org
Zoeann Murphy, Director
Albany Field Office
991 Broadway, Suite 223
Albany, NY 12204

Service: *FREE.* ESOL classes for refugees and immigrants. *Classes Mon, Tues, Weds -- full June 2009*
Refugee resettlement agency always in need of basic furniture, blankets, towels, sheets, kitchenware.

Washington Irving Education Center (school district) **370-8220**

www.schenectady.k12.ny.us/WIEC/WIEC.htm

Service: ESL days only. Classroom instruction for adults at all levels offered in several locations in Schenectady.

Eligibility: Students must be 17 or older. No fees for students over 21.

South Colonie School District

Continuing Education Classes Spring Semester 2011

ESOL and ESOL Home Study Program -- all offered through BOCES -- see Spring Semester 2011 brochure for South Colonie School Program of Continuing Education

General Equivalency Diploma (GED) & Literacy

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A Different Way In (focus on reading disabilities)

945-8842

www.adifferentwayin.org/default.aspx **FREE**

First Reformed Church
8 North Church Street, Schenectady, NY 12305
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Ave. A and Mason St.
Schenectady, NY

Service: Focus on reading disabilities -- Individualized instruction for children and a few adults in Alphabetic Phonics, for learners with dyslexia or other reading difficulties. Program dependent on yearly grant funding. Kathy Jensen and Roberta Read are retired reading teachers.

America Works of Albany, Inc.

465-5627

19 Dove Street, Albany, NY 12210 **FREE**

Service: *Mon & Weds. Nights 3-6 pm* -- Evening classes—BOCES classes held at their location. 60 hours of classroom instruction minimum. Open enrollment. Job placement available.

Eligibility: TANF (Temporary Aid for Needy Families). Referral from Albany County Dept. of Social Services Employment Unit.

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www.1199seiu.org

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Washington Irving Education Center (school district)

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www.schenectady.k12.ny.us/WIEC/WIEC.htm

GED

Service: Day and Evening classes for GED. Classroom instruction for adults at all levels offered in several locations in Schenectady.

Eligibility: Students must be 17 or older. No fees for students over 21.

Wildwood Programs

640-3400

www.wildwood.edu

FEE but scholarships are available

1190 Troy-Schenectady Road (Rt. 7) **GED & Literacy for learning disabled**

Latham, NY 12110

Service: Basic literacy Evening classes Life-long learning and support for adults with learning disabilities. Assessment and classes. Melinda Burns, Director of Adult Education: mburns@wildwood.edu.

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