

We provide our students with quality programs that are unique in nature. Our programs assist adults in gaining the skills necessary to move into mainstream college programs and/or advance in the workforce.



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**Adult Education & Diversity Programs**

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"to educate,"

**Empowering Our Community**

## PROGRAMS

### ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

There are four levels in our ESL Program. Students will commence their studies in the appropriate level based on an assessment test and increase their language development as they advance through four levels. Emphasis is placed on oral communication and conversational language. After completing the fourth level, students are encouraged to enroll in credit ESL courses at Cerritos College.

### CITIZENSHIP

This course prepares adults for the citizenship process, the INS examination and interview. The course emphasizes oral communication and strengthens English language skills for those with limited in English. Classes are offered in Spanish and English. In addition for a nominal fee of \$25 we will assist students in completing the INS forms required to take the citizenship test.

### VOCATIONAL ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (VESL)

Our VESL program goal is to prepare community members for the workforce. We have developed a bilingual program in collaboration with other departments on campus to assist the English Language Learner. The courses integrate English as a second language instruction with vocational content. This enables the students to learn English specific to his/her chosen career path and enables students to simultaneously take entry level courses in that career path.

### GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED)

These courses prepare students to take the battery of courses required to obtain their GED certificate. With a focus on language arts, writing, social studies, science, reading and mathematics.

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### OCCUPATIONAL PREPARATION

Bilingual English and Spanish courses that teach students how to use the computer to improve their occupational skills through use of the computer.

### OLDER WISER LEARNER (OWL)

The Older Wiser Learner program offers courses for older adults at various senior centers and sites in the community. Courses include arts and crafts, exercise, music, computers, chorus, creative writing, and senior topics. Senior's have an opportunity to interact with others in a classroom setting and improve their quality of life.

### PLAZA COMUNITARIA

In collaboration with the Mexican Consulate of Los Angeles the department of Adult Education is offering a new and innovative program. Plaza Comunitaria consists of three levels that allow Spanish speaking adults to learn to read and write in their native language and finish their primary and secondary education. Students receive a diploma from the Secretary of Public Education in Mexico. Upon completion student are able to transition in ESL courses with a higher rate of success.

### APPRENTICESHIP

The office of Adult Education and Diversity Programs currently offers state approved Apprenticeship Programs. Apprenticeship programs offer related classroom training while on the job. Each program offers hands-on-training in the construction trades. These programs do not offer individual classes and are open entry, open exit. Programs may run 3-5 years depending on the trade.