

**The Center for English as a Second Language
The University of Arizona
Capability Statement**

The Center for English as a Second Language (CESL) of the University of Arizona has been in operation since 1968. Its capabilities, in support of its mission, fall into three areas: English language instruction; professional development; and encouraging linguistic and cultural diversity.

CESL is the only nationally accredited intensive English program (IEP) in the state of Arizona. CESL's accreditation is through the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA), which is recognized by the U.S. State Department for IEP accreditation. In order to earn this honor, all aspects of the CESL program, including academic affairs, business affairs, and student services, were closely examined and assessed to ensure that CESL is meeting its mission. Part of the process included a site visit by CEA. After examining hundreds of supporting documents, the results of all interviews and other information gathered during the site visit, a panel of CEA experts awarded CESL full accreditation in April 2004.

English Language Instruction

CESL's capabilities include offering quality full-time, intensive language training. CESL offers numerous schedules of 3, 4, 8, and 16 week programs year round. Full-time students take at least 22 hours of instruction weekly. Each student has the option of taking an elective class.

The CESL curriculum is systematically reviewed and updated in order to keep instruction and course offerings in step with current pedagogical theory and second language acquisition research. Typical intensive course offerings include Speaking, Listening and Reading, Writing, Reading and Listening, Grammar and Pronunciation.

Courses are offered at many levels of proficiency. Upon arrival, students are given a placement assessment during the orientation period. The results of this assessment are used to place students in one of several levels of instruction. The CESL faculty further assesses each student's capabilities during the first days of class to ensure correct placement. Student progress in classes is measured against learning outcomes for each skill and level. Students successfully completing the program receive a grade for each course, a language proficiency report and a certificate of attendance.

CESL also offers a part-time English program. Classes are offered afternoons, evenings and Saturdays. Students may choose from a variety of courses in general English, Business English, Career Enhancement and TOEFL Preparation. Students earn certificates of participation for each course completed. In addition, students may take courses in specific combinations to earn a Program Certificate in General English Proficiency, Academic English, Business English or Career Enhancement English.

In addition to regular programs offered at the University of Arizona, CESL has provided numerous special programs for groups of students in Tucson or abroad. These special programs take a variety of forms and can easily be customized to fit the needs of the group or sponsoring agency. CESL can provide general English language training or training for a specific purpose. For a representative sample of all special programs at CESL, click *here*. To submit a request for proposal for a customized program, please visit our link to *Customized Programs for Individuals or Groups*, complete and submit the appropriate form.

Professional Development

CESL is capable of providing outstanding professional development for different kinds of educators. Many of CESL's special programs relate to professional development for new and experienced teachers.

As part of its professional development program, CESL offers courses in teacher education offering customized training depending on the goals of the teachers. As with English language training, CESL is capable of special teacher development projects to be conducted either at The University of Arizona or abroad. CESL faculty and administrators have traveled around the world offering workshops and training seminars for language professionals. English language instructors from many countries have come to CESL for further training. Please click *here* for representative samples of all special programs including teacher development.

CESL's teacher development is not limited to international teachers of ESL. CESL has also provided in-service workshops to domestic public school faculty. Many of Selected CESL professional development courses collectively satisfy state of Arizona Sheltered English Instruction (SEI) requirements for provisional SEI certification

As part of a research university, CESL provides opportunities for graduate students and scholars to conduct research in the CESL environment. Research requests must be presented to and approved by the Director. To submit a research proposal or learn more about doing research at CESL, click *here*.

Encouraging linguistic and cultural diversity

CESL's capabilities extend to promoting the benefits of internationalism and cultural diversity. CESL students regularly visit K-12 schools. To invite a group to your school, call 520-621-1362. A few times each year, CESL holds an *International Bazaar*, to which the Tucson community is invited. The Bazaar includes cultural displays from numerous countries and interactive activities such as singing, dancing, painting and game playing. CESL also has an active conversation partner program in which students from different nationalities come together to converse informally. CESL also holds events such as international panel discussions in order to promote international dialog about important issues. For a schedule of our current activities, please click *here*.

Students at CESL have opportunities on their own to participate in numerous university and community events, including club meetings, presentations, volunteerism, and cultural events, in progression towards earning two CESL scholarship awards: the Director's Award and the Global Student Award.

Summary

CESL is capable of providing outstanding English language instruction through our programs and through customized programs. CESL can also provide teacher training for both new and experienced teachers, at CESL or in other locations. Finally, CESL also supports participation in its programs that encourage respect for cultural and linguistic diversity. Together these capabilities make CESL a leader in the field of English language instruction and global awareness.