What our students say about our classes:

“I see myself reading Shakespeare in the future, and understanding everything. I say to myself, I can learn a new word every day.”

L.

“I see that I’ve improved my English since coming to school. I feel a little frustrated when I don’t understand. I understand that nothing is easy. In this life everything is hard. I am a persistent student in the ESL program.”

M.

“I wonder if because of my age this is a waste of time. I hear the native English speaker; I will speak the same way one day. I pretend that age is not an obstacle but sometimes it’s not easy. I feel frustrated when people don’t understand my English. I see my improvements and they make me happy.”

S.

“I pretend to be strong but I am weak. I try really hard. I dream to read and write better. I am happy to be in school and learn each day.”

M.

“I feel optimistic at all times. I understand more than last year. I say I can do it. I try again and again. I dream of finishing my ESL classes. I hope to speak English very well. I am always thinking positive.”

M.

“I see that my future is bright. I pretend not to fear, but I can’t help myself. I touch the sky in every success. I am the composer of my own destiny. I understand my fear needs strength.”

M.

“I am a persistent ESL student. I hear the sound of the right pronunciation. I see myself speaking English in the future. I feel happy after each class. I am a persistent ESL student. I say I can do it. I try my best all the time. I dream of traveling around the world. I am a persistent ESL student.”

R.

For more information:

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Adult Education, Community Programming and Outreach
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Cicero, IL 60804
(708) 656-8000, ext. 2373 or 2374
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To request disability accommodations for AEFL students enrolled in ABE/GED/ESL courses, please contact:

Sylvia Garza at 708-656-8000, ext. 2364
Morton College, Room 217C

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For the purposes of compliance with Section 511 of Public Law 101-166 (the Stevens Amendment), Approximately 36% of the FY14 funding for Adult Education, Community Programming & Outreach, came from federal sources. The total amount of federal funding received in FY14 was 359,513.

Morton College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, marital status, or disability in its educational, admissions, or employment practices.
What does ESL mean?

ESL stands for English as a Second Language. Students whose native language is not English can take ESL classes. These classes can help you improve your speaking, listening, writing and reading skills.

How many levels of ESL classes are there?

Currently, there are six levels of ESL classes, literacy level through high intermediate.

How do I enroll in any of these programs?

Steps to register into our program:

1. Sign up and receive an appointment date. Call (708) 656-8000, ext. 2373, 2374 or 2407 to sign up for the placement test.

2. Take placement test on appointed date.

3. Attend required student orientation to receive placement test results and enroll in class.

Students must complete all three of the registration steps noted above in order to continue in the Adult Education program.

Why do I have to take a placement test?

Every student needs to take a placement test to determine your English level. We will be able to accurately place you into an appropriate class according to your specific needs.

What is the cost of the programs?

Morton College receives state and federal funding that allows us to offer most Adult Education classes at no cost. ESL classes are free.

Is financial assistance available to Morton College Adult Education students?

Eligible Adult Education students may receive financial assistance to help pay for books, fees, transportation, and child care services.

For more information, please contact: Sylvia Garza (708) 656-8000, ext. 2364

When and where are classes held?

For your convenience, classes are located at various educational and community sites in the Morton College area. Classes may meet on campus and/or off campus and may be offered both morning and evenings. Not all levels are offered at every class site. Off-campus locations are also available in Berwyn, Cicero, and Stickney in the evening. Classes are eight weeks long and meet twice a week for a total of six hours per week. ESL classes have two eight week components, one after the other. Classes are usually held on Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays and Fridays.

Specific class schedules are available at student orientation.

Possible class times:

9:00am - Noon
9:30am - 12:30pm
5:45pm - 8:45pm

During the summer semester ESL classes meet 4 days a week for 3 hours a day for one month.

Class Times:

9:00am - Noon or 5:45pm - 8:45pm