



## WHO ARE ESL STUDENTS?

- ◆ ESL students do not speak English as their first language.
- ◆ ESL students come from many backgrounds and countries.
- ◆ ESL students want to improve their reading writing, listening, and speaking skills in English.
- ◆ ESL students are eager to learn and share their new skills with friends and family.

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For adults in North Iowa whose first language is not English, NIACC's Adult Education & Literacy Program offers tuition-free English classes in several sites in the region.

Students work to improve their reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills in English in a supportive, friendly environment. Class participants also learn about U.S. culture, government, and the responsibilities and benefits of citizenship. ESL classes are open to people from any country or culture. Classes at some sites are offered at either a beginner or intermediate/advanced level. The ultimate goal of the ESL course is to assist students in their transition to employment, training, or college study.

NIACC's AEL program can also partner with local employers to offer English as a Second Language classes in the workplace. (A contribution to the class cost is encouraged.)

## WHAT ARE CLASSES LIKE?

- ◆ Classroom activities are based on your needs.
- ◆ Class size is often very small.
- ◆ Students work individually and in groups.
- ◆ Classes are held in several cities in North Iowa.
- ◆ Classes are held during the day or at night depending on the location.
- ◆ Once you start a class, you should come regularly in order to improve your English.
- ◆ Often many nationalities are in one classroom.



## WHAT ARE SOME BENEFITS?

- ◆ Improve your ability to communicate in English.
- ◆ Build confidence and pride.
- ◆ Improve educational opportunities.
- ◆ Communicate more easily at work.
- ◆ Help your children improve their English skills.
- ◆ Develop friendships with other students.
- ◆ Help you feel a closer connection to your local community.
- ◆ Learn about U.S. culture and government

