Adult Education Resources

Learn and/or improve English (ESL)

- English Language Center (ELC)
  English Language Center is a semi-intensive, 15 hours/week, language program for adult language learners to develop the necessary skills to improve quality of life and thrive in a new culture.
  The ELC also offers Life Skills, Cultural Orientation, and Citizenship classes for refugee elders.
  3722 W. Anderson St. (Taft Elementary School), Boise, ID  83703
  208-338-2696
  Steve Rainey:  srainey@jannus.org
  http://www.elcboise.org

- Learning Lab, Inc.
  Learning Lab is a literacy education center for adults and families with young children.
  Classes are based on students’ individual needs and offer reading, writing, math and English language learning curricula. Learning Lab also offers preparation for citizenship and GED exams.
  308 E. 36th Street, Garden City, ID  83714
  208-344-1335
  Gloria Gude:  gloriag@learninglabinc.org
  www.learninglabinc.org

- College of Western Idaho (CWI) ESL
  We offer free English as a second language classes for adults. Classes at 6 different levels meet twice a week in the morning or evening. We have several locations in Boise, Meridian, Nampa, and Caldwell. If you miss registration, call about our Talk Time conversation practice.
  For Boise and Meridian: 208-562-2571
  For Nampa and Caldwell: 208-562-2024
  Fern Van Maren (Ada County):  fernvanmaren@cwidaho.cc
  Trevi Hardy (Canyon County): 208-562-2014  trevihardy@cwidaho.cc
  https://cwidaho.cc/programs-degrees/english-second-language-esl
Boise State University Intensive English Program
Mission: To provide non-native English speaking students with the opportunity to improve their English language skills for personal, professional and/or academic success. We offer courses in reading, writing, listening, speaking, grammar and academic skill preparation. We offer 5 levels from beginning to advanced.
Boise State University
1910 University Drive Boise, ID 83725
208-426-1921
Stephanie Marlow: stephaniemarlow1@boisestate.edu
https://globaleducation.boisestate.edu/iep/
Ask about scholarships for refugee students!

Library! at Hillcrest ESL weekly conversation group
Boise English Connection is a fun, non-judgmental place for conversation and shared learning. Participants can practice speaking English with both volunteer native speakers and others who are learning English. If you want a free, welcoming environment to learn, please join the conversation!
5246 Overland Road, Boise ID 83705
Alene (208) 972-8340
https://www.boisepubliclibrary.org/classes-events/online-calendar/?trumbaEmbed=search%3DConversation#//?i=1

Idaho Office for Refugees
IOR creates opportunities for refugees and the larger community to come together over shared values of hard work, family, faith, and freedom. We are currently working to innovate our English training opportunities and are adding new courses to our English programming. Please contact us if you are interested in partnering or if you work with students who could benefit from our services.
1607 W Jefferson
Boise, ID 83702
Kate Udall: kudall@idahorefugees.org
(208) 955-6528

Citizenship
- ELC
  - Citizenship class for older adults age 58+
  - Preparation for the interview and civics test
  - Ashley Hislop:
Learning Lab (see above)

Catholic Charities of Idaho (CCI)
CCI offers specialized instruction for adult students who are learning English as a new language. Skills taught in these classes include listening, speaking, reading, writing, study skills, content vocabulary and cultural orientation.
7255 W Franklin St, Boise, ID 83709
208-345-6031
https://www.ccidaho.org/services.html

International Rescue Committee (IRC) - Immigration Services
7287 Franklin Rd, Boise, ID 83704
208-559-6825
Rabiou Manzo: rabiou.manzo@rescue.org

Study for GED/College Prep

CWI's Basic Skills Education Program (BSE)
Improve your math, reading, and writing skills. We can help you get ready for college or get your GED. Our classes are free!
Canyon County Center
Community Learning Center
2407 Caldwell Blvd., RM 106
Nampa, ID 83651
208-562-2068

Ada County Campus-- Mallard Building
Community Learning Center
9100 W. Black Eagle Drive, RM 1121
Boise, ID 83709
208-562-2575
basicskills@cwidaho.cc
https://cwidaho.cc/bse

College Bound Program - IRC Boise
Semester-long college readiness workshops to assist with mapping a path to college and goal setting, including one-on-one support with admissions, financial aid and connection to local support resources.
Kayla Groat
International Rescue Committee
7287 W Franklin Road
Learning Lab (see above)

REACH Youth Mentoring - ANA, IOR, ACD, CSI (Twin Falls)
This program pairs up high-school and college-aged refugees (15-24 years old) with mentors who can provide guidance in terms of education and vocation. Anyone/any organization can refer a mentee, and anyone can apply to be a mentor.
Chadia Mugisha
Agency for New Americans
1614 W. Jefferson St.
Boise, ID 83705
208-955-0168 (or cmugisha@jannus.org)

College ESL Resources
- Boise State University
  * Intensive English Program (see above)
  * Boise State Refugee Alliance--a student organization:
    - gshuck@boisestate.edu or bsralliance@gmail.com
  * Admissions
    - Andrea Orozco: andraorozco@boisestate.edu
    - 208-426-3960
  * English Language Support Programs
    - Prof. Gail Shuck: gshuck@boisestate.edu
    - https://englishsupport.boisestate.edu
    - 208-426-3426

- College of Western Idaho academic courses
  * Academic Advising
    - Erica Compton: ericacompton@cwidaho.cc
    - 208-562-2546
  * Academic English as a Second Language (ESL) writing courses
    - Joy Palmer: joypalmer@cwidaho.cc
    - (208) 562-3352

English for Employment
- Global Talent
  Mission: To help college-educated immigrants and refugees build their professional careers in the U.S.
  1607 W. Jefferson St., Boise, ID 83702
  Ashley Davis: adavis@globaltalentidaho.org
208-947-4253
www.glotalent.org

● Create Common Good
Mission: To empower adults with barriers to employment through food service skills training and job placement assistance.
Create Common Good
2513 S Federal Way, Ste. 100
Boise, ID 83705
208-258-6800
https://createcommongood.org/

● Artisans For Hope
Training in sewing, knitting, jewelry making, and bookmaking; how to market handcrafted items; ESL and community knowledge; basic skill development for employment and entrepreneurship; how to foster friendships, collaboration, and healthy connections
723 N 15th Street, Boise, ID 83702
208-477-8828
info@artisans4hope.org
www.artisansforhope.org

● Full Circle Exchange
Mission: To empower under-served women in the U.S. and around the world to rise above poverty by providing stepping stones to self-sufficiency through job training, education, vital enrichment and sustainable economic opportunities that allow local economies to prosper and helps the most vulnerable succeed.
www.fullcircleexchange.org

● CWI Workforce Development
CWI Workforce Development (WD) offers you the opportunity to quickly gain the skills to obtain employment and apprenticeship training, retrain for new opportunities, and advance your career
https://cwidaho.cc/programs-degrees/workforce-development

● College of Western Idaho (CWI) ESL Career Pathways
CWI ESL Career Pathways program offers integrated English language and job training (IET) classes for a variety of careers. The location, start dates, and times for these opportunities vary. Please contact:
Trevi Hardy: 208-562-2014 trevihardy@cwidaho.cc
• English Language Center (ELC) WorkStyles (see above)
  WorkStyles is an intensive interview/job retention skills class provided at the English
  Language Center.

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