

Occupation- Specific Language Training (OSLT)

OSLT courses are English language training courses to help newcomers with their workplace communication skills. They focus on language skills needed for particular industries & occupations.

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Courses offered in the following sectors:

Business: Workplace Communication Skills for Accounting/Finance, Entrepreneurship/Sales, Professional Managers, Project Management, Accessing the Business Job Market in Ontario & Communicating in the Business Sector

Health Sciences: Workplace Communication Skills for Healthcare, Interprofessional Healthcare Teams, Accessing the Healthcare Job Market in Ontario & Communicating in the Healthcare Sector

Human Services: Workplace Communication Skills for Working with Children/Youth

Technology: Workplace Communication Skills for Technology, Accessing the Technology Job Market in Ontario & Communicating in the Technology Sector

All courses can be found at the Colleges Ontario OSLT website: <https://co-oslt.org>

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General Outcomes

Participants will develop the language and communication skills needed to

- understand workplace culture in their occupation and sector;
- interact effectively with their colleagues, clients and supervisors;
- give and receive information by email and telephone;
- interview and network effectively.

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Conestoga College Offerings

- Conestoga offers 4 – 5 OSLT courses per year.
- Courses are selected based on participant interest and registration numbers.
- Most common courses include: Workplace Communication Skills for Accounting and Finance, Technology and Healthcare
- Contact: oslt@conestogac.on.ca

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English for Work

St. Louis ESL **English for Work** programs are designed to build the language skills needed to help people succeed in the workplace.

Course offerings are based on participant interest and registration numbers.

Current course offerings include: **English for PSWs**

For more information please contact: esl.stlouis@wcdsb.ca

Eligibility Requirements

Participants must be permanent residents, convention refugees/protected persons, Ukrainian temporary residents or their dependants in Canada (until March 31, 2025), or temporary residents affected by the crisis in Gaza (showing “MOME2023” in status documentation until March 31, 2027).

They must live in Ontario and have:

- training or experience in a specific occupation or industry, but need to improve their occupation-specific communication skills;
- a valid language proficiency of at least level 5 in Canadian Language Benchmarks.

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Registration Process

Interested participants need to email the OSLT department and complete an online registration form ensuring all requirements are met.

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FACTS ABOUT OSLT

Courses delivered by qualified language faculty. Successful participants receive an OSLT credential from the college.

Over 95% of OSLT participants annually report extremely high rates of satisfaction with OSLT.

12 participating colleges, coordinated by Colleges Ontario

80% of OSLT graduates find work, complete licensure or other professional credentials, or attend bridging programs or further training within 4 months of completing OSLT.

100% of newcomers who enroll in OSLT are internationally trained or have experience in their sector.

Since its start, to the end of fiscal 2024, OSLT will have served 15,500 newcomers in Ontario. Colleges will have delivered over 830 classroom-based and blended OSLT courses, and over 225 online courses/modules.

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