

Portfolio-Based Language Assessment (PBLA) Programs



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Introductions



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Eligibility



Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC)

- LINC is a FREE English program funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC).
- It's for permanent residents and convention refugees, who are 18 years and older.

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English as a Second Language (ESL)

- ESL is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development.
- It's for adults who are 18 years and older and are convention refugees, permanent residents, landed immigrants, refugee claimants, and Canadian citizens not born in Canada, where English is not their first language.

Language Assessment



- Learners get a [Language Assessment](#) at the YMCA Immigrant Services.
- The results indicate which CLB level/class to be placed in.
- The YMCA will refer learners to a class or waitlist.

Curriculum



- Curriculum is developed based on the [Canadian Language Benchmarks](#) and the [ESL for ALL](#) for Literacy.
- The CLB is a descriptive scale of language ability in the four skill areas of Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing.
- The CLB is task-based (e.g. Making a Doctor's Appointment), and focuses on the areas of community, study, and work.

Curriculum



- Modules are based on the 10 LINC Themes:
 - **At Home in Our Community and the World** (e.g. Talking to your Landlord)
 - **Canada** (e.g. Preparing for Citizenship)
 - **Commercial Services** (e.g. Shopping Online)
 - **Communication and Media** (e.g. Using Social Media)
 - **Community and Government Services** (e.g. Understanding Police Services)

Curriculum



LINC Themes cont'd:

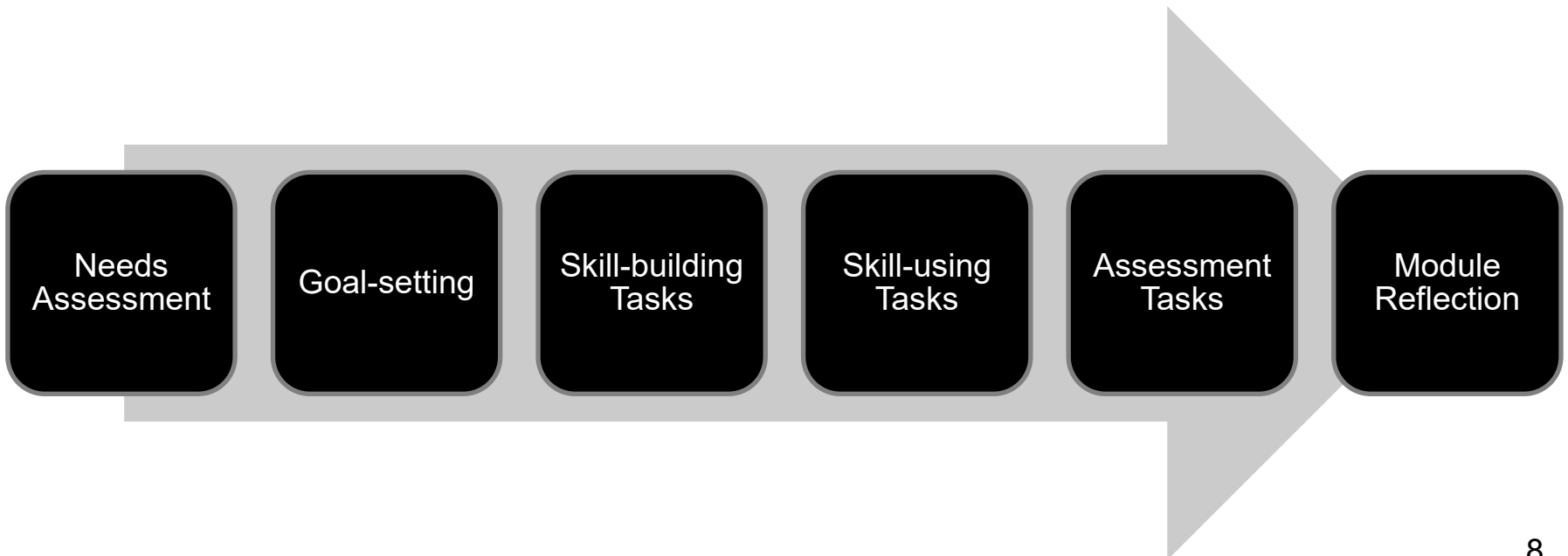
- **Education** (e.g. Communicating with a Child's School)
 - **Employment** (e.g. Writing a Resume)
 - **Health and Safety** (e.g. Making a Doctor's Appointment)
 - **Individuals, Families, and Relationships** (e.g. Resolving Conflicts)
 - **Travel and Transportation** (e.g. Taking the Bus)
- Example modules can be found on The Centre for Canadian Language Benchmarks (CCLB) [website](#).

Module Process



Portfolio-Based Language Assessment (PBLA): Module Process

[PBLA Guidelines 2019](#)



Language Companion/Portfolio



- It's a binder supplied by the funder to support language learning, PBLA, and settlement in Canada.
 - [Language Companion Literacy](#)
 - [Language Companion Stage 1 \(CLB 1-4\)](#)
 - [Language Companion Stage 2 \(CLB 5-8\)](#)
- Learners can use this binder to organize their notes and assessments/artefacts.
- The electronic versions of the Language Companions and the e-Portfolios can be found on Avenue.ca.

Promotions



- Instructors review learners' progress and make decisions on benchmark changes.
- Instructors meet with learners and discuss their progress.
- Learners receive a report describing their progress.
- LINC Certificates are given for a level promotion.
- CLB 4 in Listening and Speaking are required to apply for Citizenship.

LINC Graduation Pathways



- [Occupation Specific Language Training \(OSLT\)](#) (CLB 6 needed)
- [Conestoga College Academic Upgrading](#) (CLB 7 needed)
- [Conestoga College English Language Studies](#) (ELS)
- [St. Louis Programs](#) (CLB 6 or 7 needed)

St. Louis LINC & ESL



LINC

- Classes: Literacy to CLB 7
- Location: Kitchener
- Modalities: in-person classes
- Class Times: mornings and afternoons
- Wraparound Supports: childminding and transportation

ESL

- Classes: Literacy to CLB 8
- Location: Kitchener
- Modalities: in-person and online classes
- Class Times: mornings, afternoons, and evenings

Conestoga LINC



- [Conestoga LINC](#) offers classes from Literacy to CLB 8.
- Locations: Cambridge, Kitchener, and Waterloo
- Modalities: in-person, online, hybrid, and HyFlex
- Class Times: mornings, afternoons, and evenings
- Wraparound Supports: childminding and transportation

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Thank you!

