

ENGLISH-AS-A-SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)



Programs that offer opportunities for non-English-speaking and limited-English-speaking adults to learn listening, speaking, reading and writing skills with an emphasis on developing the level of communication competence that is essential for adults who are living in a setting in which English is the primary language used. It is recommended that candidates contact each class provider directly. Majority places accept new students as walk-ins during indicated hours and are able to accommodate any language barrier. The list of available programs includes Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties.

ERIE COUNTY

Adult Learning Center

www.upskill.org

Workforce Literacy Center

160 Edward Street, Buffalo

- Contact: (716) 887-3912 ext. 200
- Registration required: Tue/Wed/Th/Fr 9am – 2pm and Tus/Th 5pm – 7pm
- Group classes
- Morning, Afternoon & Evening classes
- To register one of the following forms of identification required: Social Security Card, Benefits Card, I-94, photo identification, employment authorization card, Green Card, or passport
- Serving: WNY
- Population: 17 & older, officially withdrawn from school, or 21 years old and older

Satellite Locations:

Belle Center

104 Maryland Avenue

Contact: (716) 845-0485

Mon-Fri, 8:30am-3:30pm

International Institute

864 Delaware Ave., Buffalo

Contact: (716) 883-1900

Mon-Th, 8:30am-4:00pm; Tues & Th, 5:30pm-8:30pm

Educational Opportunity Center - UB

www.eoc.buffalo.edu

555 Ellicott St., Buffalo NY 14203

- Contact: (716) 645-1900; registration required in person during open hours
- Required documents to register:
 - proof of income (e.g. Benefits Letter, 1040 Federal Tax Form)
 - proof of NYS residency (eg.NYS Driver License or Non-Drovers ID, Voter Registration Card) and
 - one of the following: (e.g. Form I-94, Green Card, or Visa)
- Serving: NYS including WNY; 17 years of age & over, educationally underprepared & economically disenfranchised

Literacy New York Buffalo-Niagara Inc

www.literacybuffalo.org

1 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, NY14203 (Central Library)

- Contact: (716) 876-8991
- Serving: Erie County
- Population: 18 and older only
- One on one tutoring only; Registration required; Long waiting List

Maryvale Community Education Program & Adult Career Center

www.maryvale.wnyric.org

1050 Maryvale Drive, Cheektowaga NY 14225

- Contact: (716) 635-4666
- Monday through Friday 8:30am – 11:30am
- Registration: during class hours
- Required documents: Any form of ID
- Serving: WNY, Adults

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Satellite locations:

Windermere Elementary

291 Windermere Blvd., Amherst NY

Contact: (716) 635-4666

Summer location St. Peters Church, Amherst, NY

Tuesday and Thursday 5pm – 8pm

St. Hyacinth's Community Center

609 Ridge Rd. s 2 Lackawanna, NY

Contact: (716) 635-4666

Monday through Friday 9am – 12pm

Workforce Development – E1BOCES

www.e1b.org

355 Harlem Road, West Seneca NY 14224

- Contact: (716) 821-7196
- Required documents: Any form of ID
- Serving: Erie County
- Population: Open to youth & adults over 18

Satellite Locations:

E1BOCES

1526 Walden Ave. Cheektowaga, NY

Contact: (716) 821-7375

Mon, Wed, & Fr 9:00am-12:00pm;

Tue & Th 6pm – 9:00pm

Sweet Home High School

1909 Sweet Home Rd. Amherst, NY

Contact: walk in during the class hours

Mon & Wed 6:30pm – 9:30pm (Beginners)

Th 6:30pm – 9:30pm (Advance)

Our Lady of Loretta

301 14th Street, Buffalo, NY

Monday-Friday, 8:30am – 3:30pm

Contact: (716) 885-1941 or walk in during the class hours

NIAGARA COUNTY

Orleans/Niagara BOCES

www.onboces.org

- Contact **Susan Diemert 1-800-836-7510, Ext. 3003**
- Serving: Niagara and Orleans County

Literacy New York Buffalo-Niagara Inc

23 East Avenue, Lockport NY 14094 (Lockport Public Library)

- Contact: (716) 433-7014
- Serving: Niagara County
- One on one tutoring only; call to set up an appointment for an assessment

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY & CATTARAUGUS COUNTY

Fredonia Migrant Education Outreach Program

www.fredonia.edu

Thompson Hall W139, SUNY Fredonia Campus,

Fredonia NY 14063

- Contact: (716) 673-3526
- Serving: Chautauqua, Cattaraugus and Southern Erie Counties
- Population: Farmer workers only
- Group classes and individual consultation

Erie2Cheetoqua/Cattaraugus BOCES

www.e2ccb.org,

Gateway Center

31 Water Street Jamestown, NY 14701

(next to Helping Hands),

- Contact: (716) 484-6190
- Serving: all
- Assessment and registration required on Friday's at 1pm
- M-F, 9am-12pm-beginning level; M & W, 9am-12pm-intermediate level; T & Th, 8:30am-11:30am advance