

Foundations Program (through the Welcome Centre)

The Foundations Program at the Welcome Centre is intended to support older adults or parents who wish to attain their high school completion whose first language is not English, and require settlement support. The Literacy Foundations curriculum and settlement support from the Welcome Centre staff address the needs of adult students who have significant skill and knowledge gaps, and who need to upgrade skills to be successful in Canada. Students are assessed prior to registering for a class to determine their level of English. The Foundations Program (through the Welcome Centre) is developed and implemented by the English Language Learner Welcome Centre and Adult Education, and offered at the Welcome Centre and in South Surrey.

Part 1: Target Participants: Students suited for this program are adults or parents that have immigrated into Canada in the last 3 years who have arrived with one or more of the following:

- Literacy and educational gaps
- Some communication and social barriers due to language and cultural differences
- In need of additional support to develop future goals

Goals: Foundations students will:

- develop skills and knowledge about work/future in Canada
- increase communication and numeracy skills
- increase connections to community resources
- develop goals to pursue education, work or volunteering

The Program Offers:

- Foundations Literacy (English) Levels 1-6
- Settlement / Cultural Support
- Workshops on financial literacy, understanding Canadian resources (e.g. school, work and community)

Referrals: Students are referred from district staff or through the Welcome Centre Team, and/or through Invergarry Adult Education.

For further information on Literacy Foundations Curriculum, please visit:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/teach/curriculum/english/literacy-foundations>

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