



PARADISE VALLEY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HOW TO ENROLL IN ESL CLASSES FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS AT PVCC



Step 1: Complete the New Student Application

Apply in person at the PVCC Welcome Center in the KSC Building

OR

Apply online: <https://www.maricopa.edu/become-student>

Step 2: Take the CELSA Exam

The Combined English Language Skills Assessment (CELSA) evaluates your current English language skills and helps determine the recommended courses that will help you become successful.

The CELSA is a computerized test consisting of 75 multiple choice questions. It is written in English, and you will have 45 minutes to complete the test. The test does not have any audio or speaking portions.

- Go to the Testing Center on the second floor of the KSC building to take the test. You do not need to make an appointment, but please arrive at least an hour and a half before the Testing Center closes to ensure you have enough time to finish the test. The Testing Center is open Monday - Thursday from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM and Friday from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM. There is no set time to take the test as long as it's within the recommended time. (All exams will be collected 15 minutes before the Testing Center closes. Your score will be available right after you finish the exam)

*Bring a current valid photo ID and your PVCC student ID number when you come to test at the Testing Center.

Step 3: Enroll in English as a Second Language Courses (ESL courses) and/or Conversation Circles

Your score on the CELSA exam will determine what level classes you are eligible to take:

- **Level 1 and Level 2: score of 16-38**

ESL 110 Beginning to Low-Intermediate Listening and Speaking (3 credits)

ESL 140 Beginning to Low-Intermediate Grammar (3 credits)

- **Level 3: score of 39-50**

ESL 051 Pronunciation Improvement for ESL Speakers (3 credits)

ESL 201AA English as a Second Language IIIA--integrated skills (3 credits)

- **Level 4: score of 51-66**

- **ESL 051** Pronunciation Improvement for ESL Speakers (3 credits)

- **ESL 202AA** English as a Second Language IVA--integrated skills (3 credits)

Once you have selected a class level, you can register for classes in person at the Welcome Center or by calling 602-787-7000.

- **Conversation Circles for English Language Learners:** is a FREE opportunity for beginning/basic English learners to learn and practice their English through group activities such as pronunciation practice, conversations, games, and more.

Date? September 17- November 7

Days? Tuesday and Thursday

Time? 3:30 pm. to 5:00 p.m.

Where? Paradise Valley Community College in E-191 (Puma Tutoring Center)

Don't miss the chance to register for the Conversation Circles for English Language Learners at our Puma Tutoring Center. If you ONLY plan to attend the Conversation Circles*, skip Step 4 since the opportunity is free. You do not need to do anything besides attend the Conversation Circles at the Tutoring Center when they start.

Get a student ID from the Computer Commons, located in the E-Building

Step 4: Payment

Residency will determine the cost of tuition for the ESL courses:

- **In-State Tuition: \$97 per credit hour**--for established Arizona Residency of more than a year
- **Out-of-State Tuition: \$372 per credit hour**--for established Arizona Residence of less than a year

Payment can be made in person at the Welcome Center or by phoning 602-787-7000.

If you have questions regarding payments or costs, please contact **Admissions and Records:**

- In person at the Welcome Center
- By email: pvccinfo@paradisevalley.edu
- By phone: 602-787-7000