

Literacy Council of Northern Virginia



LCNV English Classes Are:

- Affordable
- Offered at various locations and times
- Led by a highly trained instructional team
- Intensive, with small class sizes and extended instructional hours
- Supportive, fostering an engaging classroom community

Literacy is a Survival Skill

The Literacy Council of Northern Virginia provides the crucial first steps of English instruction to beginning-level adult learners, who are often not served by other organizations. Most of our learners struggle to get by with little to no English-language skills and limited economic opportunities. Through LCNV, adults learn to speak, read, and write English, empowering them to make measurable improvements in their lives and the lives of their families.

Pathways from Poverty

LCNV is recognized nationally as an innovative leader among literacy organizations. LCNV classes are available to adults with the most urgent language needs, most of whom live in poverty. Their capacity to earn a living wage, care for their families, and become more active members of our community depends on their ability to read, write, and speak English.

Established in 1962, LCNV strives to teach adults the basic skills of reading, writing, speaking, and understanding English in order to empower them to participate more fully and confidently in their communities.

LCNV Programs

Beginning-Level English Classes

Our Beginning-level English classes teach the foundational skills adult English language learners need to learn to speak, understand, read, and write English. The curricula focus on U.S. culture, civic responsibilities, and life skills, in the context of workplace, community, and family life. Classes incorporate technology to enhance instruction.

Family Learning Program Classes

Our Family Learning Program (FLP) provides English language classes for parents or caregivers, while their children participate in educational activities. Designed to help parents increase their involvement in their children's education and understand social issues that impact children's lives, FLP classes also encourage learning as a family.

Skills-Based Classes

Designed to bridge the transition to adult education opportunities beyond LCNV, our Skills-based courses give learners the option of focusing exclusively on particular language skills to expand competencies.

Destination Workforce®

Through our Destination Workforce® Program, we partner with employers to offer intensive language classes on the job. The program also serves those seeking a fast track to local in-demand jobs. Curricula focus on cultural fluency, speaking to communicate, industry-specific language and literacy, workplace soft skills, and skills for employee advancement.

Designated Tutoring

This program matches tutors with native English-speakers seeking to develop their reading and writing skills. Instruction takes place once or twice a week in libraries across Northern Virginia.

Support Services

LCNV offers its classroom students various services to help them stay on track to accomplish their goals. Services include: Supplemental Tutors, Student Advisors, Distance Learning opportunities, and more.



Volunteers

LCNV's highly credentialed staff recruits, trains, and leads a dedicated core of volunteers that provides essential services and support, through tens of thousands of service hours annually.