ENGLISH INNOVATIONS® TRANSFORMS
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING FOR IMMIGRANTS NATIONWIDE

Alongside English language proficiency, digital literacy is also becoming increasingly necessary for success.

Getting a good job
Having educational options
Greater civic engagement

English proficiency opens the door to opportunity in the United States.

English Innovations is a springboard on the path to integration

It provides opportunities outside the formal ESL system for a wide range of groups.

Parents of school-aged children who need increased confidence to communicate with their child’s teachers
Migrant & low wage workers who need a flexible class schedule
Adults who did not complete high school in their home country
Permanent residents who lack the English skills to pass the citizenship test

An integrated model means inclusive, social learning for adults

English Innovations provides a curriculum adaptable to a broad range of contexts and integrates digital learning to address the real life needs and goals of low-income, limited English proficient adults, including:

- Employment
- Family literacy
- Entrepreneurship
- Civic engagement
- Springboard to further education
- Citizenship

Volunteer tutors support learners with a 5:1 student-volunteer ratio.

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Blended instruction means more flexible learning.

100 hours needed to gain one language learning level
74 hours face-to-face in class
26 hours are independent learning outside of class
12 weeks for students to complete 100 hours

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ONEAMERICA BRINGS ENGLISH INNOVATIONS TO PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE U.S.

With the National Partnership for New Americans, OneAmerica offers English Innovations as an education model for community-centered, host organizations nationwide. Host organizations with deep relationships in immigrant communities implement the model. OneAmerica works with host sites to train volunteers, technology coaches and program staff in the English Innovations methodology.

THE GOAL
TO STRENGTHEN LANGUAGE AND DIGITAL SKILLS WHILE BUILDING COMMUNITY FOR ADULT LEARNERS WHO FACE BARRIERS IN THE FORMAL ESL SYSTEM

PROVEN SUCCESS

English Innovations was successfully piloted in the Seattle area from 2011-13, and at six sites nationwide in 2015-16, serving over 1,000 individuals to date. We have seen the model work to reduce barriers and connect immigrants to the larger community as they build confidence and competence in English and digital skills. Pilot results showed significant increases in community participation, English proficiency and confidence in the use of digital skills. In the national pilot, three out of six sites’ performance was comparable to that of federally funded programs. 97% of participants reported that upon completing the course they were more comfortable using English, 96% were more comfortable using a computer, and 96% of students recommend the program.

ENGLISH INNOVATIONS LEARNING OBJECTIVES

HIGH-BEGINNING TO LOW-INTERMEDIATE STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Use digital tools and multimedia applications to advance toward personal goals
- Learn communication skills for real-life settings
- Express their ideas in English
- Tell their own story and publish it online
- Work in teams to research their community through online tools and project-based learning

OneAmerica advances the fundamental principles of democracy and justice at the local, state and national levels by building power within immigrant communities in collaboration with key allies. WEAREONEAMERICA.ORG

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