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**RECRUITMENT AND REFERRAL FORM**  
**WIOA & Trade**  
**Adult Education & Literacy/ESL Services**

**Provider: Rockford University**

<u>Program Provider:</u> Rockford University	<u>Telephone:</u> 815-226-4138 (ESL program) <u>Fax:</u> 815/226-4144 (ESL program)
<u>Address:</u> 5050 East State Street Rockford, IL 61108 - 2393	<u>Contact Person:</u> Call 815/394-5112 or Maria Diemer Email: <a href="mailto:mdiemer@rockford.edu">mdiemer@rockford.edu</a>
<u>Training Site Address:</u> (Same)	<u>FEIN:</u> 36-2167842
<u>Activity Name:</u> ESL Training (AEL/ESL Services)	Program: Training Services
<u>Provider Code:</u> <b>2014-401</b> <u>Start Date:</u> <b>12/12/14</b>	
<u>CIP Code:</u> 320109	<u>OES:</u> Look up.

Session Dates or Open Entry-Open Exit: See description beginning on next page.

Average Time to Complete Program/Certificate/Degree: Varies – based on individual’s level and progress

Last Day Program Will Accept Referrals: Call to see if class has openings.

Program Description. Academic English language instruction to reach 9<sup>th</sup> grade level conversational and written English

<http://www.rockford.edu/>

Expected Outcome: further education (vocational training) and then employment

<u>Program Schedule:</u> varies	<u>Admission Requirements:</u>
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Referral Procedures: Contact ESL program at the University, 815/226-4138

Costs: See next page.

Authorization: Northern Illinois Workforce Alliance

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Rock River Training Corporation (RRTC) is the fiscal agent for WIOA programming approved by NIWA.

**PROGRAMS APPROVED FOR FUNDING AND COSTS**

**Programs Approved for RRTC Funding  
and  
Tuition and Fees and Other Required Expenses for Approved Programs**

RRTC will pay for required books and supplies for courses in approved programs.

**Program approved only for WIOA AEL/ESL Services\* and TRADE participants.**

**\* WIOA AEL/ESL Services program - individuals enrolled through this program will be provisional, to determine further participation based on progress during first session, and program staff’s assessment of additional training time needed.**

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<u>Specific Programs/CIP Code</u>	<u>Tuition Costs and Fees</u>	<u>Supplies</u>
<b><u>PROGRAM APPROVED UNTIL JUNE 23, 2017:</u></b>		

**ESL INTENSIVE DAY PROGRAM      CIP 320199** (closest CIP in IWDS)

*Program Costs*

Application Fee	\$ 125.00
Tuition per semester	\$ 4,800.00
Tuition for half semester	\$ 2,400.00
Health Insurance	\$ 120.00 per month*

This is a state requirement. All students must have health insurance.

\*This price is good only for the first year an international student is in the US.

Summer Tuition 2016	\$ 2,700.00
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PRIVATE TUTORING Available upon request	\$ 28 per hour
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**Information on Program:**

**ESL INTENSIVE DAY PROGRAM**

*Welcome to our day classes!*

**Calendar:** Rockford University offers spring, summer and fall terms. Sessions start every 8 weeks, year-round. For specific start dates, please see our [Academic Calendar](#).

**Length of Program:** Students join us for 1 to 16 months, depending on their language goals. We recommend a minimum of 4 sessions for students to realize a substantial change in language proficiency; however, because the

program focuses on language learning, no matter how long your stay with us, all students have the opportunity to increase their proficiency and receive long-term benefits from the program.

**Schedule:** Summer classes are held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:50 am Friday. This provides 20 hours of English instruction per week.

**Class Size:** Classes range on average from 6 to 10 students. The small classroom environment allows for plenty of personal attention and practice.

**Materials and Resources:** Beyond the traditional English books, our teachers use a variety of magazines, podcasts, articles and newspapers that challenge the students to use background knowledge of a current topic and learn vocabulary in context. Additionally, students spend at least 2 hours per week in the Computer Lab using specialized online English as a Second Language resources.

**Costs and Fees:** Students must pay a non-refundable application fee. Once accepted into the program, he or she must pay a tuition fee every session and a materials fee. To see detailed information please go to [Program Costs](#).

**Our Teachers:** We have a wonderful group of teachers that are here to help the students learn in a fun and positive way. Click here to [Meet our Staff](#).

**Conversation Partners:** Rockford University's faculty, staff, students, and members of the local community support our program by meeting with students for conversation time after classes. This way, ESL students can enjoy practicing the language in a more relaxed environment and make new friends. Learn more about [volunteer opportunities](#).

**Learning outside of the classroom:** The program also allows for ESL students to share their culture with other students and the Rockford community by integrating learning opportunities outside the classroom.

- Students are encouraged to participate in school events and clubs, such as the [Multicultural Club](#).
- Outings to museums, restaurants, parks, and other places of interest are organized throughout the year so students can visit Chicago, Madison, Milwaukee as well as Rockford and its surroundings.
- Special projects and classes like chemistry, first aid, nutrition and pottery give the students additional learning experiences.

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**Visit our [Photo Gallery](#) to see some of these fun activities!**

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**Important:** Our minimum age requirement is 18 years. All beginning students must have some prior study of English and be able to use or understand 200-400 words in English. Bilingual instruction in Spanish is used as needed.

**REQUIRED:** [Health and Immunization Requirements](#)

**US F-1 Student Visa:** All foreign students must obtain an F-1 Student Visa to study in the United States. Students will obtain an F-1 Visa application (Form I-20) once they are accepted into the Rockford University ESL program. Please see our Application Process.

- [More information about student visa](#)

International students may apply for [provisional admittance](#) to Rockford University's undergraduate or graduate degree programs.

**Follow these links for more information about:**

- [International Students](#)
- [Undergraduate Programs](#)
- [Graduate Programs](#)

**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS****Grammar**

Grammar classes focus on an integrated approach to teaching grammar in which a proven pedagogy is utilized. A four-step approach takes students from context to communications – blending content, reading, writing, listening, speaking and critical thinking in a complete program, and preparing students to understand and use English more effectively. Students' lessons are centered on thematic instruction that allows them to interact with grammar in an authentic manner and moves them beyond controlled practice to realist communication. Students will read high-interest articles that expose students to the form, meaning and use of grammar in natural contexts. Explicit pronunciations activities help student improve fluency and accuracy. Expanded listening tasks allow students to develop a range of listening skills.

**Reading / Writing (R/W)**

Reading/Writing classes teach students effective reading strategies, which will improve their reading comprehension, reading speed, and ability to summarize texts. Students will read extensively to build vocabulary and learn how to predict meaning and minimize dictionary dependence.

Through daily and weekly writing assignments, students focus on effective writing strategies progressing from sentence to paragraph to essay development. Students study various types of writing objectives and learn how best to focus on clarity, cohesiveness, and interest for audience. Reading, writing, and speaking opportunities are combined when students read articles, write summaries and present the summaries to their classmates.

Although some classes focus specifically on grammar, based on students' language levels, both reading and writing classes cover grammar components within the context of materials studied. Mini grammar lessons provide awareness and clarity of grammar aspects as students read and analyze reading and writing.

**Listening/Speaking (L/S)**

Although all ESL classes integrate listening and speaking opportunities through student participation, specific classes focus on strategies for effective listening and speaking. Pronunciation and enunciation instruction and practice help students speak more clearly. Students have many opportunities through class participation and presentations to listen and speak. Class presentations given at the end of each session allow students to learn effective presentation skills and gain confidence in speaking. Rockford University has an established Conversation Partner volunteer program of students, faculty, staff and the greater Rockford Community, and each student is assigned one or more partners to practice English outside of class. Our language lab provides additional listening and pronunciation instruction and practice.

**TOEFL Preparation Classes**

All Rockford University ESL instruction helps students prepare for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) test, which is required for acceptance to most American Colleges and Universities, and since our program is specifically reading based, it is particularly geared toward academic achievement. Our standard curriculum program teaches language learning strategies and skills, but does not teach to a specific test. However, we do offer a specific TOEFL IBT (Internet Based Test) self-study course with books, CDs and access to internet interactive testing materials that all students can take in addition to their regular classes. We suggest all students take this course before taking the official IBT TOEFL test.