

From Our Community



LINC Home Study
Canada

LINC Home Study: Delivering Language Education at a Distance

by Sonia Martin, Centre for Education & Training

Great news! Newcomers in BC now have the option to study English from home if they cannot attend onsite LINC classes. LINC Home Study combines self-study, either online or by correspondence, with weekly one-on-one instruction from a TESL-certified instructor via telephone or Skype.

Eligibility

To be eligible to attend LINC Home Study, clients must meet the following criteria:

- Permanent resident or convention refugee
- School leaving age
- Unable to attend LINC classes in person
- Minimum CLBs L3, S3, R2, W2

Referring Organizations in BC

To register, clients must have their English skills assessed using the Canadian Language Benchmarks Assessment (CLBA) or Canadian Language Benchmarks Placement Test (CLBPT), and have their eligibility for LINC Home Study determined. There are several referring organizations throughout BC available to assist. Follow this link for more information: <http://www.tcet.com/linc-home-study/assessment-centres-and-referring-organizations>.

If clients already have a LINC certificate from a language training provider within the last year, they may be eligible to attend LINC Home Study without visiting a referring organization. Please contact us for more information.

Rack Cards and Posters

Help spread the word! Contact us if you are interested in receiving LINC Home Study promotional rack cards to share with your clients or posters to display at your office.

Contact Information

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The Value of Engagement in The Westcoast Reader Online Community

by Tamara Lee, The Westcoast Reader

The WCR online community is unique. It's not only an online extension of our print edition but it's also an opportunity for a diverse readership to learn more about BC and Canada.

Our online demographic includes Canadian and international educators, as well as various levels of learners. Our challenge is to find ways to engage all members of our readership and to provide useful resources for all. As with any community, the WCR is dependent upon relationships in order to grow and remain relevant.

Social media is especially important for the integration of our readership, providing the opportunity to interact with readers through Facebook, Twitter, and our site comments section. Reactions, retweets, and comments help us clarify which articles are resonating, and provide ideas for future articles. This immediate feedback also helps indicate to our funders the breadth of our readers' engagement.

The future of the WCR online community depends upon the active participation of our readership. We welcome you to interact with us often, and encourage you to assist your students to do the same.

What our online community offers:

- contests, including the current Halloween photo contest and recent writing contest
- monthly polls based on a current issue
- evocative articles and audio texts
- events listings, and fun facts and stories
- community involvement and surveys

We're currently running a survey to help us determine future content and direction for the WCR online community. Please take a few moments to add your feedback by following the link at

<http://www.thewestcoastreader.com/>. Once again, thank you for reading and using the WCR in your class!