

Instructor Bios

Cindy, Myrna, Brendan, & Jayne look forward to getting to know you as an ESL student!

Cindy Messaros

Cindy's classes are lively & entertaining. She uses authentic materials & situations to teach. Her classes focus on the students' unique learning needs. Students watch & listen to television shows for discussion & writing & use the computer for research, listening, & speaking activities. Cindy's goal is to help the students achieve a high degree of communicative competence.

Myrna Glenn

Myrna has been an RDC instructor for 18 years. She enjoys teaching ESL because she believes that ESL students are the best students in the world! Myrna plays learning games in class & focuses on writing skills that are key to helping students attain successful careers. Celebrations & outings are an important part of Myrna's classes—birthdays, family events, & holidays are cause for celebration & outings, like scavenger hunts, wiener roasts, and hikes in the Rocky Mountains.

Brendan Richardson

Brendan aims to make classes informative & interesting, drawing on his creativity & sense of humour to enhance learning. With 10 years of teaching overseas & in Canada, he understands the challenges students face in a new country, & wants to equip them with the skills to flourish. Brendan has worked as a newspaper reporter, so is very interested in current events and uses this to help students understand Canadian culture & thought.

Jayne Carlielle

Jayne has taught ESL to adults from many countries & cultures & volunteer teaches English to teachers at a trade school in Rwanda. She enjoys seeing students' English improve, so they are better able to fully participate in student life, the community & the workplace. Jayne's special interest is using computers in ESL learning and she aims to provide students with tools they can use to access some of the high quality resources that are available on the Internet.

Student Experience

"The ESL course is excellent. It is very complete; the teachers are professional and prepare you to start your career. Take a chance!"

– Julio

"I am happy to be a RDC ESL student. My teacher is wonderful; she is patient and supportive and creates a friendly environment. Some of us had not been at school for a while and we have to adjust to deadlines. Also, the Valentine's Day party and skating at Bower Ponds were like family outings."

– Beatrice



"When I first came to the RDC ESL program RDC, it was my second home. There were friendly people and the teachers were loving and caring."

– Tae Suk

"The RDC ESL program is a good because now I can write a letter in English. Before my writing and pronunciation were very bad. When I first came to RDC, I didn't know how to use a computer, which made me feel bad. When I sent my first email to teacher, Cindy, it was a proud moment in my life that I will never forget that."

– Mirwais

"For me, as an immigrant, the ESL program greatly helped me to improve in English. I found the teaching methods very interesting and the classroom dynamic... we have very good teachers and above all, a very good environment."

– Elsa



English as a Second Language at RDC

Program Information and Frequently Asked Questions



The ESL Program

You'll love the small class sizes and highly qualified instructors at Red Deer College!

Enjoy the variety of options in the 5-level ESL Program that satisfies the English Language Proficiency requirement needed for further study at the certificate or diploma level. Each of the 5 levels is 14 weeks long, and focuses on all of the language skill areas that students need to live, work, and study in Canada.

Classes are held Monday to Friday, 9 am - 1 pm with homework required outside of class time.

Many RDC Certificate & Diploma programs accept graduates of the ESL program. Check the RDC Calendar for specific program entrance requirements.

2011 Course Dates

All new students must attend the first day of class for placement testing.

May 3—Aug. 5, 2011

- Local students register in CRN #1140
- International students register in CRN #1141

Course Costs

Domestic* - \$2975 + \$20 activity fee

*Contact the Skills Investment Office at 403.314.2472 to apply for funding.

International - \$3495 + \$20 activity fee

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I register in the ESL program?

- Submit your ESL application form to the RDC Registrar's Office. (International students must include a \$100.00 deposit.)
- Local students contact the RDC Test Centre at 403.342.3292 to book a time to complete a writing sample. International students must test at their local test centre—see [Invigilator form](#) for instructions.
- If the writing sample indicates that you are eligible for the RDC ESL Program, you will be registered by the RDC Registrar's Office & sent a letter outlining your terms of admission.
- All new students must attend and take placement testing on the 1st day of class.

2. Can I get funding?

Contact the [RDC Funding Office](#) or call 403.314.2472.

3. What activities/sports can I participate in?

- ESL Coffee House & other activities; see [Student Support Services](#).
- Individual tutoring & other services; see [Counselling, Career and Learning Centre](#)
- Sports leagues, drop-in activities, lessons & clubs; see [Campus Recreation](#)
- Competitive Alberta College Athletic sports. RDC Kings & Queens badminton, basketball, cross-country running, cross-country skiing, curling, golf, women's hockey, soccer & volleyball; see [Athletics](#) or call 403.342.3201.

4. What is Red Deer like?

[International webpage](#) or [Tourism Red Deer](#)



5. What accommodations are available?

Students can apply for [Residence](#) or arrange off-campus accommodation through the [housing directory](#). Apply early for best availability.

6. Is there a student health care plan?

Yes, contact the RDC Registrar's Office at 403.342.3400 for info.

7. Can I get help with Student Visas?

Yes, contact the RDC Registrar's Office at 403.342.3400 for info.

8. When is tuition due?

Tuition is due 30 days before classes start. Requests for tuition refund must be done in writing & be sent to the Program Coordinator. Official documentation must be included.

9. Can ESL help me get into other programs?

ESL graduates are eligible for many [RDC certificate and diploma programs](#).

10. Can an international student get a Canadian social insurance number?

Yes, contact the RDC Registrar's Office at 403.342.3400 for info.

For more information contact:

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