



The Adult Literacy Council OF GREATER FORT ERIE

Most Commonly Asked Questions for Potential New Students

How can I become a student?

- Call 905-871-9621. We will schedule an orientation and assessment at our office, find out about your goals, and lay out a plan to help you reach your goals.

What programs are available?

- Free, confidential, one-to-one tutoring in basic reading, writing, and math, a GED program (which is equivalent to a high school diploma), ESL (English as a Second Language), and computers.

How much does it cost? Do I have to pay for books?

- Tutoring and classes are free. Books are also free.

What is involved?

- You will first meet with the Program Co-ordinator and answer some questions about your educational background, complete an assessment to determine your reading level or Literacy & Basic Skills level, and work together to develop a training plan on how you will be able to reach your goals.

How fast will the lessons go?

- Tutors will go at a pace that is comfortable for you. They are here to help you - not to rush you through.

When can I start?

- As soon as orientation and testing are complete, we can match you with a tutor, but you may be on a waiting list until we can match you.

How often do we meet with our tutor?

- Most sessions are 1 -2 hours, once a week. It depends on when you have time to meet a tutor.

How long will I be in the program?

- You may stay in our program as long as it takes you to reach your goal, whether it is independence, further education, training, or employment. For some, this may be a few months; for others, it may be years.

When and where will I meet with my tutor?

- Tutors and students always meet in a public place such as, libraries, churches, YMCA, etc. You must decide on a place that is convenient for you, and we will find a tutor who can meet at the same time and place.

Is there anything else I can do to help me learn faster?

- Yes, there is a lot you can do on your own. Besides regular attendance, use the skills you are learning in our program. Complete homework assignments if possible.

What if I don't have a ride?

- Tell the Program Co-ordinator and she may be able to provide direction or some assistance.

What if I want to take a vacation or need time off?

- Tell your tutor and then let the Program Co-ordinator know as well.