

## What our students say about our classes:

“I see myself reading Shakespeare in the future, and understanding everything. I say to myself, I can learn a new word everyday.”

L.

“I see that I’ve improved my English since coming to school. I feel a little frustrated when I don’t understand. I understand that nothing is easy. In this life everything is hard. I am a persistent student in the ELA program.”

M.

“I wonder if because of my age this is a waste of time. I hear the native English speaker; I will speak the same way one day. I pretend that age is not an obstacle but sometimes it’s not easy. I feel frustrated when people don’t understand my English. I see my improvements and they make me happy.”

S.

“I pretend to be strong but I am weak. I try really hard. I dream to read and write better. I am happy to be in school and learn each day. “

M.

“I feel optimistic at all times. I understand more than last year. I say I can do it. I try again and again. I dream of finishing my ELA classes. I hope to speak English very well. I am always thinking positive.”

M.

“I see that my future is bright. I pretend not to fear, but I can’t help myself. I touch the sky in every success. I am the composer of my own destiny. I understand my fear needs strength.”

M.

“I am a persistent ELA student. I hear the sound of the right pronunciation. I see myself speaking English in the future. I feel happy after each class. I am a persistent ELA student. I say I can do it. I try my best all the time. I dream of traveling around the world. I am a persistent ELA student.”

R.

## For more information:

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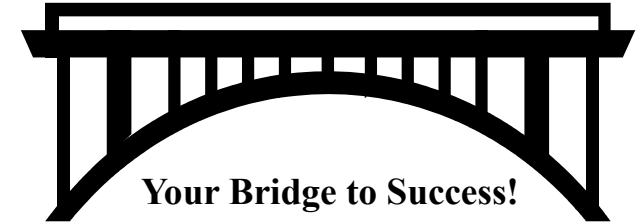


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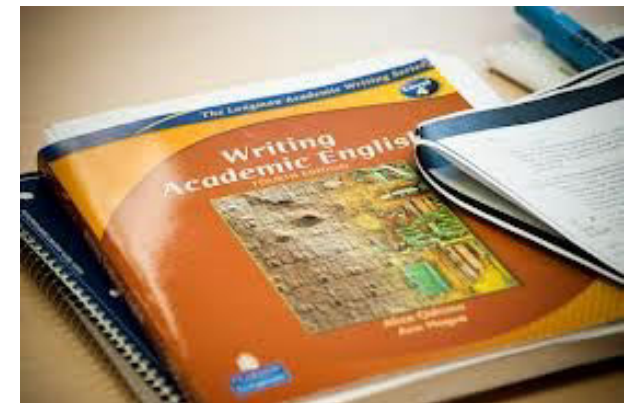
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# ELA

*(Formerly called ESL)*

## ADULT EDUCATION, COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH



## What does ELA mean?

ELA stands for English Language Acquisition, formally called ESL (English Second Language). Students whose native language is not English can take ELA classes. These classes can help you improve your speaking, listening, writing and reading skills.

## How many levels of ELA classes are there?

Currently, there are six levels of ELA classes, literacy level through high intermediate.

## Why do I have to take a placement test?

Every student needs to take a placement test to determine your English level. We will be able to accurately place you into an appropriate class according to your specific needs.

## What is the cost of the programs?

Morton College receives state and federal funding that allows us to offer most Adult Education classes at no cost. ELA classes are free.



## How do I enroll in any of these programs?

### Steps to register into our program:

1. Sign up and receive an appointment date. Call (708) 656-8000, ext. 2373, 2374 or 2407 to sign up for registration and placement test.
2. Take placement test on appointed date.
3. Attend required student orientation to receive placement test results and enroll in class.

**Students must complete all three of the registration steps noted above in order to continue in the Adult Education Take placement test on appointed date.**

## When and where are classes held?

For your convenience, classes are located at various educational and community sites in the Morton College area. Classes may meet on campus and/or off campus and may be offered both morning and evenings. Not all levels are offered at every class site. Off-campus locations are also available in Berwyn, Cicero, and Stickney in the evening. Classes are eight weeks long and meet twice a week for a total of six hours per week. ELA classes have two eight week components, one after the other. Classes are usually held on

Mondays and Wednesdays

or

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
and Fridays

Specific class schedules are available at student orientation.

Possible class times:

9:00am - Noon  
9:30am - 12:30pm  
5:45pm - 8:45pm

During the summer semester ELA classes meet 4 days a week for 3 hours a day for one month.

Class Times:

9:00am - Noon  
or  
5:45pm - 8:45pm

