PORTLAND LITERACY COUNCIL

Our Partners Need Tutors

Volunteer tutoring opportunities with adult learners

The Portland Literacy Council partners with the Portland ESL Network and other organizations to provide a comprehensive list of programs in the area that need volunteers.

The following programs regularly seek volunteer tutors to work with adult learners and students. Tutors can choose to work one-to-one, with a small group, or as a program assistant.

Option 1

Search the Portland ESL Network

Filter volunteer opportunities by location, time of day, day of the week, the time you can dedicate, and other factors. **Visit:** Search on Portlandesl.com.

Option 2

Contact an organization directly.

Browse the programs below and reach out to the contact listed for the one that fits you best.

Partner Programs Seeking Volunteers

Afghan Support Network

One-to-one | Online or in person

One-to-one tutors needed for Afghan students ages 20 to 65, using your own student-developed curriculum. One hour weekly for a six-month commitment, online or in person.

How to connect: Contact Grace Rubenstein at grace@asnpdx.org.

Beaverton Literacy Council (BLC)

Classroom | Beaverton or online

Lead or assistant teachers needed for adult English learners in Beaverton, online or in person. One to two sessions weekly, with a three-month minimum commitment.

How to connect: Visit beavertonliteracy.org/volunteer.

Clackamas Community College

Classroom support

In-person classroom support volunteers needed alongside experienced instructors, especially for beginning-level ESL students. Morning and evening sessions available.

How to connect: Reach out to Kathleen Holloway at portlandvlt@gmail.com.

Pacific Refugee Support Group (PRSG)

One-to-one ESL | Portland metro

One-to-one ESL tutors needed for refugees and newcomers of all immigration statuses in the Portland metro area. One to two days weekly; a year-long commitment is encouraged.

How to connect: Email megan@pnwrsg.org.

Pamoja House

ESL classes | Lake Oswego, in person

Volunteers needed to support in-person ESL classes for adult learners, from pre-literacy through advanced levels. Classes meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and childcare is offered for the women's classes. This is a faith-based program, so please ask about volunteer requirements when you reach out.

How to connect: Email info@pamojahouse.org or visit pamojahouse.org

PDX Friends of Refugees

Morning ESL program | Beaverton, in person

Volunteers needed for a popular in-person morning ESL program in Beaverton. The program offers learners transportation and childcare.

How to connect: Contact Elizabeth Jones at elizabeth@pdxfriendsofrefugees.com or 503-858-4042, or visit pdxfriendsofrefugees.com. Please allow a little time for a reply.

Portland Community College

Classroom support | Southeast, Sylvania, and Rock Creek Campuses

In-person classroom support volunteers needed alongside experienced instructors, especially for beginning-level ESL students. Morning and evening sessions available.

How to connect, by campus:

Southeast Campus	Lucy Marincel	lucia.marincel@pcc.edu
Sylvania Campus	Mark Palmer	mark.palmer2@pcc.edu
Rock Creek Campus	Edit McDonald	emcdonal@pcc.edu
Cascade Campus	Swerky Elswerky	swerky.elswerky@pcc.edu

Tigard United Methodist Church

Conversation practice | Tigard or online

Conversation practice tutors needed for adult English learners, paired with another tutor since most volunteers come weekly. Openings mainly in the evening, in-person classes, and online sessions.

How to connect: Register at tiella.org or contact Rosemary Carlsen at rosemary.carlsen@gmail.com.

TORUS

Group classes or one-to-one | Multnomah County Library or online

Facilitators needed for in-person group classes at Multnomah County Library locations or one-to-one online English classes. Training provided; no experience needed.

How to connect: Email info@torustransforms.org to get started.

Village Church

ESL program | Beaverton

Volunteers needed for a church-based ESL program serving adult English learners in Beaverton. This is a faith-based program, so please ask about volunteer requirements when you reach out.

How to connect: Email VillageESL@villagebeaverton.com, call 503-643-6511 or visit villagebeaverton.com/ESL.

Salem Area

MidValley Literacy Center (Salem, OR)

Small group or one to one | Salem

Teachers and tutors needed for ESL, Pre-GED, and GED subjects for immigrants, refugees, and adult learners. Four hours weekly.

How to connect: Call (503) 463-1488 or apply at midvalleyliteracycenter.org.

Tacoma Area

Tacoma Area Literacy Council (Pierce County, WA)

One-to-one | Pierce County or online

Trained tutors are matched with learners for English literacy support in libraries, cafes, and online—with scheduling based on learner availability.

How to connect: Register at tacomaliteracy.org for spring and fall training.

Vancouver Area

Lutheran Community Services Northwest (Vancouver, WA)

ESL tutoring | Vancouver

ESL tutors needed to support adult English learners in the Vancouver area.

How to connect: Contact Alla Brandt at abrandt@lcsnw.org or visit lcsnw.org

GED® Testing Tutoring

The Rebel Academy

One-to-one | Portland metro

One-to-one GED tutors needed (English, Spanish, or math through Algebra 1 and Geometry) for justice-impacted adults across the Portland metro area. Training provided; consistent attendance is key.

How to connect: Contact Dr. Zavrel at contact@therebelacademy.org.

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with adult learners in our community.