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Foreign Language and Cultural Immersion Since 1968

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## GREATER VANCOUVER LANGUAGE SCHOOL – VANCOUVER, CANADA

### ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND THE CITY

The schools, founded in 1962, are leaders in language training for cultural and commercial institutions as well as for individual students. Located in the heart of downtown Toronto, the school offers a complete selection of services and a full range of class levels. The Greater Toronto Language School is recognized by the Ontario Ministry of Education and both schools are authorized centres for the Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA). The schools are also authorized centres for the examinations in English as a Foreign Language of the University of Cambridge Local Examination Syndicate (UCLES) and for the Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC). The school's teachers are university graduates with training in second-language instruction. Teachers use both proven traditional techniques and the latest teaching innovations.

**Vancouver** is Canada's gateway to the Pacific. Its parks and beaches, with a glorious backdrop of mountains, provide an ideal setting for outdoor activities. This friendly and picturesque west-coast centre offers visitors culture, recreation, history, adventure, shopping and entertainment - all in a beautiful natural setting. The downtown of Vancouver is bordered on two sides by water and at one end by the famous Stanley Park. It is easy to walk through the downtown. The Greater Vancouver Language School lies in the centre of it all and is surrounded by cafes and shops. The Skytrain has an entrance across the street and the buses are in the next block. A few minutes' walk down the street is the waterfront.

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The teaching approach at the schools focuses on all basic language skills; listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students learn vocabulary and structure, progressing from basic to advanced conversational ability. Classes are small with a maximum of 14 students and often with only 6 or 7. The small group size assures you of maximum individual participation and attention from the teacher.

Instruction is offered at up to 10 levels from elementary to advanced. Students are given an evaluation test upon arrival and are placed in the appropriate group. Students will be tutored in four language skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing.

### Semi-Intensive Program

Group 20 hours per week. The Semi-Intensive program at LSC makes use of the integrated approach to language acquisition. Classes begin at 09:00 and end at 13:30 for a total of 4 hours daily.

### Intensive Program

Group 30 hours per week. Students enrolled in the Intensive program study 6 hours each day. Classes are scheduled from 09:00 to 16:30. Breaks are scheduled outside of the teaching hours. There are 3 periods of group study daily led by a team of teachers. Instructor variety gives you exposure to a wider range of native speakers..

### International Business English Program

20 hours per week. High-Intermediate Level Required.

The International Business English program is designed for anyone who needs to speak English in business situations. The course introduces you to the language and skills of communication used in business meetings, presentations, negotiations, handling telephone calls, the preparation of memos, letters and reports. You will also learn about workplace etiquette and socializing in a business environment, with a special focus on the North American context.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

#### Homestays

Homestays with Canadian families are arranged by the school. Family accommodation includes a single room, breakfast and dinner 7 days per week. Laundry of sheets and towels is done once a week. The school carefully inspects all homes, and admits only families of good reputation to their accommodation service.

#### Residence

The residence in Vancouver is a 10 minute walk from the school and provides a single room with mini-fridge, shared bath, lounge and kitchenette (student supplies own dishes and cookware), and 24-hour front desk service. Bed linen is changed weekly, however, towels are not provided and meals not included. There are a limited number of double rooms and these must be shared by two students who book together. This option is available upon request.

#### Hotels & Apartment-Hotels

LSC can make reservations for students at hotels or apartment-hotels upon request and at additional cost.

### ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Arrival transfer from the airport is available upon request and at additional cost. LSC sends lodging information 7 - 14 days prior to departure.

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

#### Cultural & Social Activities

LSC employs a full-time Coordinator of Student Activities at both schools who organizes a variety of cultural, social, and sporting activities outside of class hours. All activities are optional and at extra cost

### TO REGISTER:

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## Programs & Activities - Vancouver, Canada

### Programs

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Instruction is offered at up to 10 levels from elementary to advanced. Students are given an evaluation test upon arrival and are placed in the appropriate group. A team of teachers, working in rotation, will personally guide you in your studies. They will tutor you in the four language skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. With the assistance of audio cassettes, overhead projectors, video and other visual aids, your team will instruct you in grammar, correct pronunciation and the use of everyday idiomatic language.

Classes are held Monday through Friday with a morning session and the afternoon session. Each class has a duration of 60 minutes.

#### **Timetable of Class Periods:**

Period A: 09:00 - 11:00  
Period B: 11:30 - 13:30  
Period C: 14:30 - 16:30  
Period D: 16:45 - 17:45

All students, both Intensive and Semi-Intensive, take Integrated Studies during Periods A and B. In these periods, the school uses an integrated approach to the improvement of your general ability to communicate. The emphasis is on oral fluency. Period A deals with language elements and their practice. Period B targets language usage through discussion of video, audio and written materials.

Only Intensive students take Focus Studies during Period C. This period permits students to focus on special skills. Subjects have been carefully chosen to provide you with a range of topics suitable to your ability and interests. Topics are offered at three levels on a rotational basis. As a Focus Studies option, Intensive students may choose computer-assisted language study in the Student Resource Centre during Period C. Intensive students are helped by staff to select the Focus Studies courses most appropriate to their needs and interests.

Period D, at the end of the day, offers all students the time to work independently in the Student Resource Centre or to take PLUS lessons which are customized to their needs and goals. PLUS hours are intended for students who wish to supplement their regular program with one-to-one instruction. During the PLUS hours, you work on the improvement of particular skills with a teacher. A minimum 8 PLUS hours in total over 4 weeks must be booked during your stay. Intensive students take PLUS hours during Period D. Semi-Intensive students have PLUS hours scheduled either in Period C or Period D by the school. The school assigns study schedules to students based on teacher resources and classroom availability.

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English

Admissions &  
Academic Credit  
Certificates & Exams

### Activities

Cultural & Social  
Activities

### Comments

*"I enjoyed corresponding with NRCSA. I was able to speak to someone in person (by phone) who could compare various programs, inform me of my options, and help me make a decision based on current information and my preferences."*

Retired, Los Altos, CA

**International Business English** Group 20 hours per week. The program is designed for anyone who needs to speak English in business situations and have a high intermediate level in English



The course introduces you to the language and skills of communication used in:

- \* business meetings
- \* presentations
- \* negotiations
- \* handling telephone calls
- \* the preparation of memos, letters and reports

As well, you will learn about workplace etiquette and socialising in a business environment, with a special focus on the North American context.

Priority is on improving your communicative ability. You will gain confidence and learn to express yourself more clearly and correctly through a variety of interactive situations and discussions focused on:

- \* the structure of business
- \* marketing
- \* finance
- \* production
- \* management
- \* human resources
- \* international trade
- \* business and the environment.

As much as possible, course materials will include authentic business documents. Case studies and problem-solving are important parts in the learning process.

### Admissions & Academic Credit

Students age 18 years and older are welcomed regardless of educational background, occupation or nationality. Students under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. No previous knowledge of English is required except where otherwise indicated, however, students must be familiar with the Latin alphabet.

Students desiring credit for their study should contact their home school or request the NRCSA Credit Fact Sheet. Generally U.S. schools consider 15 hours of study to be equal to 1 semester credit.

For general information on academic credit, [please click here](#).

### Certificates & Exams

Upon completion of studies, a school certificate is awarded according to the program of study.

A free TOEIC test (Test of English for International Communication) is available to all students, both Intensive and Semi-Intensive, who complete Level 10 and who have a minimum stay of 4 weeks. The TOEIC test is offered every 4 weeks, in the 4th week of each session.

# ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Foreign language immersion classes
- ✓ Small interactive group and/or one-on-one instruction
- ✓ Culture program integrated into conversation classes, activities
- ✓ Meet-the-People interaction at school, homestays, & community events
- ✓ Orientation covering attractions, how to, health, safety, entertainment
- ✓ Academic assessments, placement-exit tests, Achievement Certificate
- ✓ Lodging (reduced fee if no lodging needed)
- ✓ Meals and/or cooking facilities at most centres
- ✓ Insurance: medical and accident - see below
- ✓ Emergency Hotline staffed 24 hours/day - see below
- ✓ Housing Coordinator familiar with area homestays, apartments, hotels
- ✓ Activity Coordinator facilitates transfers, cultural/social activities, tours
- ✓ Program Director experienced working with foreign participants
- ✓ Qualified, experienced, and certified educators
- ✓ Weekly proficiency goals and progress assessments
- ✓ Planning and Orientation materials
- ✓ International Ambiance, participants from around-the-world welcome
- ✓ Telecom assistance, web/e-mail access, usually on-site
- ✓ Local taxes for included services
- ✓ 24:7 Culture Immersion w/ native speakers: class, homestay, community
- ✓ **ALL NRCSA PROGRAMS INCLUDE the following INSURANCE\***

ACCIDENT INSURANCE up to \$10,000    SICKNESS INSURANCE up to \$10,000

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION up to \$25,000

EMERGENCY REUNION up to \$5,000

REPATRIATION up to \$7,500

LIFE INSURANCE \$5,000

plus

24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE

## MANY ALSO OFFER

- ✓ **Tours:** cultural visits, day and weekend fieldtrips
- ✓ **Art:** classes/workshops, craft, dance, theater, fashion, music, photo
- ✓ **Humanities:** culture, area studies, hist, lit, gov't, educ, comm, plus...
- ✓ **Health:** golf, swimming, tennis, diving, skiing, riding, plus...
- ✓ **Special:** vocabulary classes tailored to your professional needs
- ✓ **Lodging:** homestay, apartment, dorm, hotel, special diet
- ✓ **Food:** home cooking, cooking classes, dine-around, wine tasting
- ✓ **Family:** services, daycare, child classes, community services
- ✓ **Teacher:** training, workshops, practicums, practice teaching, ECH
- ✓ **Teen:** camps and youth programs (including experiential)
- ✓ **University:** credit, undergraduate and graduate
- ✓ **Professional:** development credit in many fields, licensure, CEU
- ✓ **Volunteer:** medical, social service, ecology, teach plus...
- ✓ **Internships:** business, media, arts, eco, tourism, computer, plus...
- ✓ **Business:** classes, visits, networking, executive support services
- ✓ **Peer-to-Peer:** share interests, network by profession or hobby
- ✓ **Current Events & Professional Workshops, Holiday Courses**
- ✓ **Distance** educ liaison service, independent studies, research assist
- ✓ **Free** books and course materials. Return at end of studies
- ✓ **Free** airport transfers and internet access
- ✓ **Assessment** reports for attendance, progress, acculturation if needed
- ✓ **Medical:** professional training, law, social work, sciences etc.

*\* If you have a problem while studying abroad, call the 24 hour hotline! Call Any Time from Anywhere! Medical or travel emergencies, legal or medical or embassy referrals, lost passport or luggage, emergency message relay, coordinating emergency prescription replacement or cash transfer, emergency translations, 24-hour medical monitoring. Problems seldom occur, but when they do, it is nice to know insurance and worldwide assistance are included in your cost for study dates prepaid through NRCSA as reflected on your NRCSA confirmation. Additional optional insurance available upon request. Refer to the certificate for specific terms, conditions and other details regarding benefits, limitations, eligibility and exclusions of this plan. Questions? Contact NRCSA: Tel: 414-278-0631 ... E-Mail: info@nrcca.com ... Web: <http://www.nrcca.com>*

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