

**1) UNC Writing Center – English Language & American Culture (ELAC)**

- *Who:* Students, Scholars, UNC staff
- *What:* ELAC provides various free ESL services
  - **Essential Skills-** Workshops are held during the beginning of fall semester; some of the topics covered are introduction to academic writing, listening to lectures, participating in discussions, and everyday English.
  - **Regular workshops-** Grammar, writing, pronunciation, research & presentation skills begin early September.
  - **Writing groups-** Offered in small groups of 4-6 for undergraduate, graduate, postdoc students: a group will meet with an ESL Specialist on a regular basis to read, discuss, and improve their writing – Please sign up in September or January.
  - **Video presentations-** The most popular ELAC workshops are available online at [www.unc.edu/writingcenter/elac/online.html](http://www.unc.edu/writingcenter/elac/online.html).
  - **Grammar questions-** Some tips, links, and answers are available through ESL on the Hill – a language-learning blog at <http://eslonthehill.wordpress.com>.
  - **Spouses-** Community English Language Program and other opportunities; [www.unc.edu/writingcenter/elac/spouses.html](http://www.unc.edu/writingcenter/elac/spouses.html)
- Receive weekly emails about ELAC services: sign up at [join-elac@listserv.unc.edu](mailto:join-elac@listserv.unc.edu).
- *Cost:* FREE
- *Website:* For schedule, registration, and info- [www.unc.edu/writingcenter/elac](http://www.unc.edu/writingcenter/elac)
- *Contact:* ESL Specialist Nigel Caplan at [nacaplan@unc.edu](mailto:nacaplan@unc.edu)/Tel: (919) 843-9604

**2) Private Tutors**

The UNC Writing Center ELAC has a directory available online where editors and private tutors can advertise their services. Some of these listed tutors have a special interest in working with international students and scholars. Read each person's ad to find out more about his/her education, experience, fees, and contact info. The cost of professional ESL tutoring generally ranges from \$20 to \$50 per hour. Go here for the list of tutors: <http://www.unc.edu/depts/wcweb/helpforhire/>

**3) UNC ESL: English Conversation - Sponsored by the Campus Y**

- *Who:* All levels are welcome- students, scholars, dependents- everyone!
- *When:* Evenings, September to May, Tuesdays & Thursdays from 7:00pm – 8:15pm
- *Cost:* FREE
- *Location:* Campus Y on Cameron Boulevard, UNC Campus
- *Contact:* Campus Y at (919) 962-2333 or Chris Clayman at [clayman@email.unc.edu](mailto:clayman@email.unc.edu) or Carolina Guerra at [kk8923@comcast.net](mailto:kk8923@comcast.net)

**4) International Women's English Conversation Group (For women only)**

- *Who:* Female int'l students & scholars, and female spouses of int'l students & scholars
- *When:* Thursdays 10am to noon, meets weekly during fall & spring, except for holidays
- *Cost:* FREE
- *Location:* Amity Church near the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Estes Drive (825 Estes Dr., Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514).
- *Extras:* Babysitting for pre-school age children is provided. Free Transport-CHT bus "G".
- *Contact:* Karen Durovich at (919) 942-9307 or email [oiss@unc.edu](mailto:oiss@unc.edu)

**5) UNC Hearing and Communication Center**

- *What:* Foreign Accent Modification Program- designed to help individuals who are speakers of English as a second language to reduce their accent. It offers consultations, individual and small groups, and corporate classes in foreign accent reduction and American accent training.
- *When:* Fall semester only from August to November
- *Cost:* \$ 278
- *Contact:* Call (919) 493-7980 or contact Lisa Domby at (919) 966-0104/  
[Lisa\\_Domby@med.unc.edu](mailto:Lisa_Domby@med.unc.edu)

## 6) **Chapel Hill Institute for Cultural and Language Education (CHICLE)**

- *What:* CHICLE is a private organization that offers a variety of English classes scheduled on demand. When three or more students at the same level can meet at the same time, a group class can be scheduled. Private classes are also available at all levels in pronunciation, idiomatic English, grammar, accent reduction, TOEFL preparation, business writing, and academic writing.
- *Cost:* Prices vary depending on class, see website for details (\$30-\$168)
- *Website & Application:* [www.chi-cle.com](http://www.chi-cle.com)
- *Location:* 101 East Weaver Street, Carrboro, NC 27510
- *Contact:* (919) 933-0398

## 7) **Durham Technical Community College**

- *What:* A wide range of English as a Second Language classes during the day and in the evenings in the Chapel Hill area, free of charge. Classes fill up quickly and space is limited. Class schedules and locations are available on the website.
- *Cost:* FREE
- *Location:* Various locations, many courses at University Methodist Church, 150 E. Franklin St., Chapel Hill, NC 27514
- *Contact:* ESL Program Director Karin Abell at (919) 686-3357
- *Website:* [www.durhamtech.edu/html/current/noncredit/esl.htm](http://www.durhamtech.edu/html/current/noncredit/esl.htm)

## 8) **Wake Technical Community College**

- *What:* ESL Courses
- *Cost:* FREE
- *Location:* Various places around Raleigh
- *Contact:* (919) 715-7409
- *Website:* <http://basicskills.waketech.edu/ESL/index.php>

## 9) **North Carolina State University**

- *What:* Advanced English (ESL) classes. Classes offered are Advanced Grammar & Practice 1, Advanced Speaking & Listening 1, Advanced Pronunciation & Practice 1, Advanced Grammar & Practice 2, Advanced Speaking & Listening 2, Advanced Pronunciation & Practice 2, Business Communication, Advanced Pronunciation & Practice 3. TOEFL Prep 1 and TOEFL Prep 2 classes are \$162/class.
- *Cost:* \$99/class
- *When:* 4-week long courses, beginning in September and through the end of April. All classes are held from 6:45-8:45pm. Spaces are limited so call for info.
- *Location:* McKimmon Center on Western Blvd in Raleigh
- *Contact:* (919) 515-2261 or e-mail [ContinuingEducation@ncsu.edu](mailto:ContinuingEducation@ncsu.edu)

## 10) **Toastmasters International**

- *Who:* Open to everyone!
- *What:* Well-renowned, int'l organization- transfer membership to other clubs around the world. Go as a guest to observe first, and see if it's a good fit. Works on basic speaking skills- hand gestures/voice/using props, then specializes in story telling/technical presentations/etc. Safe environment to improve English speaking.
- *Cost:* Membership Dues- \$5.17/month
- *When:* Tuesdays 11:45am-12:45pm Rm 527A or Wednesdays 5:30pm-6:30pm Rm 328
- *Location:* UNC Health Science Library
- *Contact:* Doug at (919) 843-9377 or (919) 259-3534
- *Website:* <http://www.unc.edu/bellttmi/index.htm>

## 11) **Other English as a Second Language Programs in NC & the United States**

- American Association of Intensive English Programs: <http://www.aaiep.org/>
- English Language Program Accreditation: <http://www.cea-accredit.org/accredited.php>