

## Homestay

Living with a Canadian family is one of the best ways to practice your English skills while learning about Canadian lifestyle and culture. IGK host families are regularly screened, monitored and inspected for their ability to provide a safe, clean, caring and friendly living environment. IGK host families go through an intensive interview process and police check prior to hosting students. Our homestay families are passionate about welcoming international visitors into their homes and believe that hosting is an enriching and rewarding experience for both the family and the student. IGK's Homestay Coordinator customizes each placement with regards to special needs, requests, diet, hobbies, personalities and family dynamics.

### Homestay Features

Single room, shared bath and 3 meals per day. All homestay students receive a private room with a bed, bedding, towels, desk and study area. They also have access to laundry, internet, telephone and television.



## Other Services

**Greeting and farewell service** is provided by IGK staff at the Kelowna International Airport or at the Kelowna Greyhound Bus Station.

**Guardianship Service** is provided by IGK staff and is a requirement for all unaccompanied students under age 19. It includes 24-hour legal support, translation service, financial planning, emergency and medical care.

**Medical Insurance** - All students must have valid medical insurance during their entire stay in Canada. Please contact IGK staff if you require medical insurance.



# LIVE

## Farm Stay Program

Experience life on a Canadian farm for 1 to 6 weeks. Learn about animal care, grooming, training and also about growing fruits and vegetables. Go horseback riding, hiking, mountain biking, and more! Students are provided a single room, shared bath and 3 meals per day and are required to volunteer at the farm 15 hours per week. Farmstays are available year round for ages 19+ and must be taken in conjunction with a Practical ESL/Homestay program at IGK (minimum 4 weeks) prior to the placement. Farmstays are located in remote areas 1 to 2 hours from Kelowna so students cannot travel between the farmstays and IGK.



## SUMMER

(June - August / Temperature 30°- 38°C)

1. Swim, sail, jet ski, para-sail, paddle board, wake board, fish, kayak, sunbathe or just relax on Okanagan Lake
2. Go horseback riding, watch a rodeo or the Kelowna Falcons baseball team
3. Hike or bike the 600km Kettle Valley Railway/ Trans Canada Trail



# PLAY

## SPRING

(March - May / Temperature 17°- 24°C)

1. Try gold panning or play golf at over 20 championship courses
2. Enjoy the beautiful spring blossoms and flowers at various parks, gardens and orchards
3. Visit a local museum, art gallery or craft exhibition



## AUTUMN

(Sept - Nov / Temperature 10°- 20°C)

1. Experience the world-famous International Wine Festival
2. Take a tour on a historic steam train and go on wine and agricultural tours
3. Watch the Kelowna Rockets, the Kelowna Chiefs and the West Kelowna Warriors ice hockey teams and the Okanagan Sun football team in action



## WINTER

(December - February / Temperature 0°-7°C)

1. Ski, snowboard, x-country ski, snowshoe, snowmobile at Big White, Apex, Silverstar and Crystal Mountain resorts
2. Surround yourself with a traditional Christmas. Try ice skating, sledding or curling
3. Attend a concert or pamper yourself with a spa treatment



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# International Gateway Kelowna



## Real English, Real Fun, Real Canada!



# WELCOME

International Gateway Kelowna (IGK) is an English as a Second Language (ESL) institute located in Kelowna, Canada. Established in 2002, IGK is Kelowna's original and most trusted school. We are proudly Canadian owned and operated. International Gateway Kelowna is both a well respected school and a vibrant, friendly and exciting place to learn English. Students are encouraged to strive for excellence, immerse themselves in a new culture, enrich their minds, try new challenges and build bonds and memories that will last a lifetime. Highly qualified teachers and staff are carefully chosen for their professionalism, integrity and exceptional customer service skills. The upscale campus is centrally located in the downtown core within easy walking distance of attractions, shops, restaurants, beaches and transportation.



IGK Campus - 9 classrooms, lounge and free WiFi.



Kelowna, Canada's fastest growing city, is situated in the picturesque Okanagan Valley. Our city boasts some of the best weather in Canada and as a result, it is a top destination for both local and international travelers. Kelowna is world famous for its azure blue lake waters, internationally acclaimed vineyards, championship golf courses, lush orchards and 'champagne' powder skiing.

93% of Kelowna residents speak English as their first language, compared with less than 50% in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver. In this total immersion environment, students' English ability improves much faster than it does in larger cities where it is much easier to use their own language.

Air Canada, West Jet, Alaska and Air North frequently service Kelowna International Airport with nonstop flights from Vancouver, Victoria, Edmonton, Calgary, Whitehorse, Toronto, Seattle and a number of other US and Mexican destinations.



## Practical English as a Second Language (ESL)

The main focus of these programs is communication and functional English for daily life. Practical ESL programs begin weekly for ages 16 and up. Students can register for 1 to 24 weeks. The minimum class size is 4, the average is 6 and the maximum is 12.

**Executive - Full Time**  
Monday-Friday  
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
30 hours per week  
(includes 1 hour of private tutoring daily)

or

**Full time**  
Monday-Friday  
9:00 a.m.-2:55 p.m.  
25 hours per week

or

**Part time**  
Monday-Friday  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon  
15 hours per week

or

**Part time**  
Monday-Friday  
12:45 p.m.-2:55 p.m.  
10 hours per week



### AM

In the morning, 5 levels of Practical ESL (Beginner to Advanced) are offered. These classes focus on the combined skills of reading, writing, grammar, vocabulary, listening and speaking. NorthStar and Headway are the main texts.

### PM

In the afternoon a selection of electives are offered including: Conversation, Canadian Culture and IELTS exam preparation.

### Note:

Not all electives or levels may be offered at one time. Ask for a current selection. English requirements vary with the electives.

### Daily Schedule: Monday-Friday

9:00-10:15	Practical English (Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing, Grammar)
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-12:00	Practical English (Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing, Grammar)
12:00-12:45	Lunch
12:45-2:00	Elective
2:00-2:10	Break
2:10-2:55	Elective
3:00-4:00	Executive Private tutoring



Level 4 and 5 graduates can transfer to a number of certificate and degree programs at partner institutions, colleges and universities.

## IELTS Exam Preparation

Excel on the IELTS test with our special preparation course. Learn test strategies for taking the general training and academic exams. Begins on select dates in March and September for 4 or 8 weeks. Level - Intermediate to Advanced

## Private Tutoring

Enhance your English skills with one-on-one educational assistance. Practical ESL, IELTS, LPI, Cambridge, Writing, Accent Reduction, Pronunciation and Spanish. All Levels

## High School Pathways

Prepare for a seamless entry to a Canadian High School. A 5 to 24 week program for students (ages 12-18) planning to enter high school in Kelowna. Previous IGK graduates achieved excellent results, high GPA's and honour diplomas in local schools after completing this program. Students receive comprehensive support and guardianship during their entire stay. All Levels

## TESOL Certificate Program

Become certified to teach English as a Second Language (ESL) to adults and children with this 120 hour program. A 25 hour optional practicum is available at IGK upon completion. Level - Intermediate to Advanced

## Volunteer Placement

Challenge yourself by becoming a volunteer while learning English in Canada! Take an unpaid position with a Canadian company or organization after studying full time at IGK. Placements begin weekly in a variety of fields such as: nonprofit organizations, daycares, schools, restaurants and retail shops. Program Length - 2, 4, 8 or 12 weeks. All levels


## Family ESL

Learn English and have a holiday at the same time in Canada's #1 resort destination! A wide variety of program and activity options exist. All levels

# LEARN

# EXPERIENCE

## ESL Camps

Combine Practical ESL with a variety of exciting cultural, recreational and leisure pursuits! The programs with a  are integrated with Canadians to maximize language learning, team building and cultural exchanges. All programs are open to males/females and individuals and groups.


## YOUNGER LEARNERS

### Youth Vacation Program for ages 8-18

**1 to 8 weeks**  
IGK's most popular summer program! Combines morning ESL classes with afternoon recreational, cultural and adventure activities. Starts weekly in June, July and August.



### English + High School Experience for ages 12-18

**1 to 8 weeks**   
Features morning ESL classes at IGK and afternoon classes in Drama, Music, Computers, Dance and Art at a local high school! Starts weekly in September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April and May.

The 2 week camps listed below start on select dates in July and August and combine the Youth Vacation Program in Week 1 with a Sports/ Specialty Camp in Week 2.

### Ice Hockey Skills Camp for ages 8-16

Play hockey in camps run by current and former NHL/WHL/ BCHL players and coaches.

### Soccer Skills Camp for ages 8-16

Soccer skills camps are run by the Vancouver Whitecaps MLS team and local soccer clubs.

### Outdoor Adventure Camp for ages 8-16

Stay in dormitories with Canadian youth and learn skills like archery, canoeing, hiking, fishing, team building and more!



### Animal Camp for ages 8-11

Learn animal care, grooming, physiology and do animal themed crafts, games and events!

### Arts Blast Camp for ages 8-14

Experience the arts with activities in art, music, voice, drama and dance at a local arts centre.



## ADULTS

### ESL + Agricultural and Wine Tour

Starts weekly in May, June, September and October for 1 week.



### English + Hot Yoga

Starts weekly year round for 1 or more weeks.

### Executive Tour

Starts weekly from September to May for 1 or 2 weeks.

### Senior Program for ages 50+

Starts weekly from September to May for 1 or 2 weeks.

### Moms and Tots (ages 0-5)

Starts weekly year round for 1 or 2 weeks.

### Bartending Program

Starts monthly year round for 1 week.