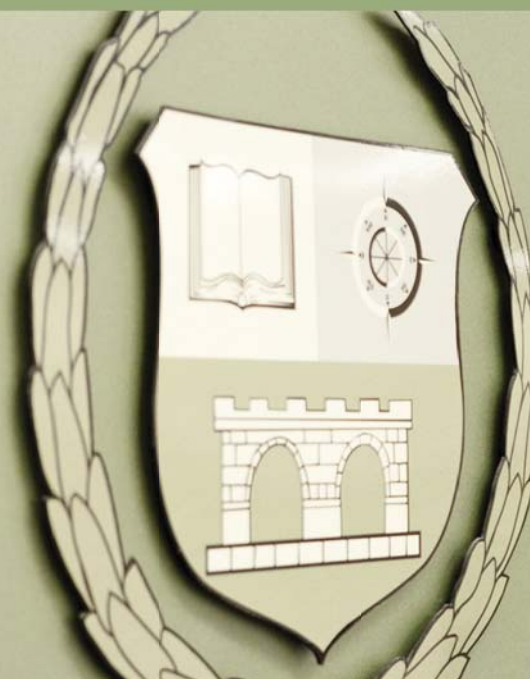


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The Cornerstone Mission

Searching for the perfect language school to suit your needs is not easy. With globalization and the number of schools around the world, your decision is all the more difficult. Before you feel frustrated by the countless possibilities, we at Cornerstone ask you to simply ask yourself two fundamental questions: Firstly, "Will I really learn from this institution?" And secondly, "How can I apply this education to my real world?"

What you know and how you apply it must work hand-in-hand in order to achieve success. Programs and books are not enough. It takes people and resources to inspire a passion for learning in every individual. This is Cornerstone mission: To provide the highest level of enriched learning; to empower students to achieve their highest potential.



direction



learning



success

The Cornerstone Commitment

We are dedicated to producing students who are well equipped to further their careers and aspirations in life. We can do this for three reasons:

- We understand you, the student. We know what it's like to learn another language in a foreign place.
- We teach with excellence and practicality. The quality of our staff is our greatest asset.
- We serve with commitment and professionalism. We know that individuals learn in different ways. Therefore, every student is required to be counseled by our staff. Your success is our success.



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The Cornerstone Edge



Individual Counsel

Assessing where you are and where you need to be as a learner requires individual attention. From the moment you arrive until you graduate, your placement and progress will be evaluated by our staff. We counsel you in the present; we direct you for your future. We desire success in your collegiate and professional aspirations.

English Only Policy

In order to provide a focused learning experience, Cornerstone has a strict policy regarding the use of languages other than English on campus. We reserve the right to suspend students who do not observe this policy.

Computer Lab

We use the computer lab extensively for instruction. We welcome the endless opportunities for learning through the latest technological advancements in the educational field.

Cultural Immersion

You are invited to immerse in a culture where the English language is the native tongue. Learning a language takes place outside the classroom as well. We assist you in finding a home through our homestay program and encourage you to participate in our student activities where we take part in the culture through daily and special events.

Placement: Internship College and University

At Cornerstone, we are working to put your education to work. Our upper ESL & business programs are designed to equip you with practical skills to help you advance your careers. A successful completion of our programs qualifies you for Internship in your desired profession of interest in accordance with your experience, knowledge and language ability. Our TOEFL classes are designed to help you gain admission to the universities and colleges to further your educational goals.



The Cornerstone Programs



Graduated ESL

Cornerstone's ESL program consists of levels from beginner to advanced. We offer two different streams to fit both schedule and budget. The first is 20-hour General ESL, consisting of an integrated skills morning class. The second is 28-hour Intensive ESL, consisting of the morning class and additional afternoon classes, which focus on a wide variety of specializations. Each class is taught by different teachers, giving students exposure to a variety of effective teaching styles.

Upon arrival, students take our placement test and an oral interview. Students are placed in to one of the following Cornerstone ESL levels:

LOWER LEVELS

Level 1 – Beginner
Level 2 – High Beginner
Level 3 – Pre-Intermediate

INTERMEDIATE LEVELS

Level 4 – Intermediate
Level 5 – Upper Intermediate

HIGHER LEVELS

Level 6 – Pre-Advanced
Level 7 – Advanced
Level 8 – Upper Advanced

Real Speaking

As an alternative to the Graduated ESL classes, the intensive 8-week Real Speaking program focuses entirely on improving speaking ability through a combination of grammar, pronunciation, listening, and vocabulary in realistic and relevant, theme-based lessons. Students are challenged through this mixture to utilize the presented language in a concentrated context during the morning. Students take a media-based lesson in the afternoon, focusing on current events and news-related vocabulary.

Business English

Cornerstone offers two divisions of Business English: Intensive (28 hours per week) and General (20 hours per week). Students can study for the entire 12 weeks or study 4 to 8 weeks if their time is limited. Cornerstone's Business English curriculum covers a wide range of business themes, including e-commerce, customer service, and the future of business. All of the language skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking, as well as grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation) are studied within the context of the business theme. In the afternoon, business elective classes in English for Marketing and Advertising, International Business and Business Presentations give students a chance to learn and practice their business skills

intensively. The learning process in this program is enhanced by attending business conferences and seminars whenever possible.

TOEFL (iBT) Prep.

It is recommended that students take this full-time course for 12 weeks, but registration on a monthly basis is available. Students become very familiar with the four sections of the test and the different kinds of questions in each. Specific and detailed test taking and time management skills are introduced and practiced extensively. Our experienced and qualified instructor brings special attention to areas that need focus and improvement. Cornerstone Academic College is recognized as an official **TOEFL testing centre**.

TOEIC Prep. / TOEIC Speaking

The TOEIC class meets for approximately 9 hours per week. Because ever increasing importance is put on successful scores on TOEIC as a criterion for employment and promotion in many businesses, our TOEIC curriculum focuses on raising students' potential by covering the exam in detail. Our experienced and qualified instructor guides students through each section of the test with in-depth analysis. A series of practice and monthly institutional tests give ample opportunity

for practice and review. Cornerstone Academic College is recognized as an official **TOEIC testing centre**.

C.E.E.P (College Entrance Exam Prep.)

The C.E.E.P is a 4, 8 or 12 week, 6-hour-a-day program, designed for students who need to pass a college's English proficiency test in order to enter a Canadian college. College entrance exams focus primarily on grammar, reading and writing, and Cornerstone's program, therefore, focuses on these three areas, as well as on building a student's vocabulary. Enrolling in Cornerstone's C.E.E.P will prepare international students for their college English proficiency test and make the taking of the test a less stressful event.

Special Electives

- International Business
- Business Presentations
- Marketing
- Everyday Situations
- Idioms and Slang
- News, Issues and Debates
- Job Interview
- Speech Communications
- Pronunciation
- Grammar

The Cornerstone Programs



TESOL

Cornerstone's TESOL Program is a 4-week, 6-hour a day program, designed to teach non-native speakers who wish to pursue a career teaching ESL how to teach the English language communicatively. The course covers various theories regarding how language is learned and equips teachers with the skills and experience necessary to effectively guide students into a functioning use of the language. To facilitate learning through experience, a teaching practicum is included.

Students who successfully complete the program will be awarded both a Cornerstone diploma as well as a certificate from **American TESOL Institute (ATI)**, an affiliate of TESOL in the United States.



TEYC

Cornerstone's Teaching English to Young Children course is aimed at non-native speakers of English who

would like to prepare themselves to teach young children in their home countries. The course will cover the theory necessary for effective and informed teaching, but will focus as much as possible on the practical aspects involved.

Students who successfully complete the program will be awarded both a Cornerstone diploma as well as a certificate from **American TESOL Institute (ATI)**, an affiliate of TESOL in the United States. Cornerstone is also an official testing centre for the Teaching Knowledge Test (TKT) from Cambridge ESOL.



College Pathway

Cornerstone has a partnership with Centennial College, one of Canada's oldest, largest and most recognized public institutions located in Toronto, Ontario. Students who successfully complete four months of Intensive Advanced ESL will now be directly accepted into over 90% of Centennial College programs

without further English assessment or the submission of TOEFL or IELTS scores. Cornerstone also has a partnership with Lambton College and Algonquin College.

AH & LA Certificate Prep.

Cornerstone's AH & LA Certificate Prep. program consists of six modules: Management of Front Office Operation, Food and Beverage Services and Operation Management, Convention Management and Service, Supervision in the Hospitality Industry, Hospitality and Tourism Marketing and Hospitality Sales & Marketing.

Each module is approved by the American Hotel and Lodging Association (AH&LA), which is governed by the largest hotel chains in the world. Classes are administered in English by a qualified teacher who has vast experience with major hotel chains.

Since on-site training is vital in hospitality management, we provide the very best internships to those who qualify in major hotel chains in Toronto. We also provide Business English, Job Interview and

Pronunciation courses to fully prepare students for their internships. For the overseas student, this program offers a convenient way to receive a globally recognized certificate, beneficial in finding employment in their home country.

Sample Courses

International Hotel Management
Managing Front Office Operations
Managing Service in the Food and Beverage Operations
Convention Management and Services
Supervision in the Hospitality Industry
Hospitality and Tourism Marketing



Work & Study / Internships

The Work & Study program provides employment to students to help with their expenses and improve their English working with young Canadians. It combines learning English with a paid work placement.

Internships give students the opportunity to learn about a new field of work or build on existing skills and gain experience all while improving their English.

The Cornerstone Programs



Youth Bridge

The goal of Cornerstone's Bridge Program is to help young students assimilate into the mainstream education system in Canada. We believe the students need a comprehensive transition program in ESL, 12 to 24 weeks in length, before their matriculation into the public / private school system.

- Elementary Bridge
- Junior & Senior Bridge

Summer & Winter Camp

Every year Cornerstone welcomes students from all over the world to participate in Cornerstone's Summer (Ages 12-17) and Winter (Ages 8-17) Camps.

Cornerstone Summer and Winter camp programs incorporate all components a parent would desire in an ESL camp program: knowledgeable ESL teachers, numerous field trips, and great fun in Toronto, Canada. Your child will enjoy a boat cruise, mini-golf, rock climbing, skiing, snowboarding and so much more.

Some activities may be replaced by local festivals run by the city of Toronto.

Cornerstone Camp Curriculum

ESL Classes (9:00 am - 1:30 pm)

Sample Activities (1:30 pm - 5:30 pm)

CN Tower	TV Station
Niagara Falls	Theatre
School Picnic (Summer Only)	Mini Golf
French Canada	Canoeing (Summer Only)
(Ottawa, Quebec and Montreal)	Rock Climbing
Toronto Zoo	Skating (Winter Only)
Casa Loma	Skiing (Winter Only)
Ontario Science Centre	and much more.
Royal Ontario Museum	

Residence (Summer Camp) / Homestay (Winter Camp)



The Cornerstone Curriculum

➤ Timetable for Adult ESL

Time	Lower Levels (Levels 1, 2, 3)	Higher Levels (Levels 4 - 8)	C.E.E.P	Business	TESOL & TEYC	Real Speaking	TOEFL
8:45 - 10:00	Integrated ESL	Integrated ESL	C.E.E.P	Business ESL	TESOL & TEYC	Integrated Speaking Skills	TOEFL
	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
10:15 - 11:15	Integrated ESL	Integrated ESL	C.E.E.P	Business ESL	TESOL & TEYC	Integrated Speaking Skills	TOEFL
	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11:25 - 12:30	Integrated ESL	Integrated ESL	C.E.E.P	Business ESL	TESOL & TEYC	Integrated Speaking Skills	TOEFL
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:30 - 2:30	Afternoon Class	Special Electives	C.E.E.P	Business Electives	TESOL & TEYC	Business / Media English	TOEFL
	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
2:40 - 3:45	Afternoon Class	Special Electives	C.E.E.P	Business Electives	TESOL & TEYC	Business / Media English	TOEFL
4:00 - 5:00	Free Classes: Monday "Let's Talk" Wednesday "Open Conversation" / Thursday "Open Tutor"						

* Please note that every other Friday is a half-day, therefore there is no class in the afternoon.

➤ Timetable for Youth Bridge ESL

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 - 9:50	Warm Up Activities	Warm Up Activities	Warm Up Activities	Warm Up Activities	Weekly Review
	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
10:00 - 10:50	Grammar & Vocabulary	Grammar & Vocabulary	Grammar & Vocabulary	Grammar & Vocabulary	Weekly Review
	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11:00 - 11:50	Integrated Skills	Integrated Skills	Integrated Skills	Integrated Skills	Special Activity
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:50 - 1:40	Social Studies	Reading	Social Studies	Reading	Special Activity
	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
1:50 - 2:40	Math	Science	Math	Science	Special Activity

* Please note that the above is a sample schedule.

➤ Program Options

Echelon	Level	Descriptor	Program Options
Lower	1	Beginner	
	2	High Beginner	
	3	Pre-Intermediate	
Intermediate	4	Intermediate	Special Electives
	5	Upper Intermediate	Special Electives / TOEFL & TOEIC / Real Speaking / Business ESL / TYEC / HM
Higher	6	Pre-Advanced	TESOL
	7	Advanced	
	8	Upper Advanced	

➤ Graduated ESL Program

Echelon	Lower			Intermediate		Higher		
Levels	Beginner	High Beginner	Pre-Intermediate	Intermediate	Upper Intermediate	Pre-Advanced	Advanced	Upper Advanced
Integrated ESL	Touchstone 1	Just Right <i>Elementary</i>	Just Right <i>Pre-Intermediate</i>	Just Right <i>Intermediate</i>	Just Right <i>Upper Intermediate</i>	Cornerstone Developed Materials	Cornerstone Developed Materials	Cornerstone Developed Materials
Afternoon Class (Focus on Speaking)	Afternoon Class (Focus on Speaking)	Afternoon Class (Focus on Speaking)	Talk, Read & Write C		Talk, Read & Write D			
			Pronunciation 1		News, Issues & Debates			
			Idioms & Slang		Pronunciation 2			
			Everyday Situation		Idioms & Slang			
			Grammar		TOEIC Prep. / TOEIC Speaking			
			Speech Communication		English from Entertainment			
					The Job Interview			
					Business Presentation			
					International Business			
					Marketing & Advertising			

- * All teachers have a TESL certificate, and university degree. We have confidence in the quality of our teachers and classes. All of our teachers have at least three year's experience, most have over 7, and they take teaching English seriously.
- * Students receive evaluations from teachers every session. Students can see their weakness/improvement and receive necessary advice.
- * Students are evaluated by attendance, scores on quizzes, exams, assignments and class activities.
- * Students must achieve 70 % in order to move up to the next level or complete the course.
- * If students are absent more than 3 times within a term without a good reason, they will not be able to move up.

The Cornerstone Services



Student Orientation

Coming to a new school in a new environment can be a lonely experience. Fear not! At Cornerstone we are dedicated to making you feel at home from your very first day. Our student orientation program will help you become acquainted with our school and student life during your first week. We invite you to ask questions and interact with other students and begin a journey in friendship-building that will last you beyond your stay at Cornerstone.

Student ID card

Every student at Cornerstone is entitled to receive an official Cornerstone Student Identification Card. This card will enable you to receive valuable discounts on many services and activities while studying in Canada.

Weekly Activities and Special Events

The city of Toronto has so much to offer. From theatre, music, literature, sports, to outdoors and recreation, there are numerous events for the adventurous student to enjoy. Look at the monthly

Cornerstone activity calendar for ideas. Regular trips are also organized every weekend.

Lounge Around

Making friends is vital to a healthy student life. You will learn so much from conversing, sharing and exchanging ideas with other students. We ask you to sit, have coffee, laugh and talk in our student lounge designed specifically for this purpose.

Individual Counsel

Assessing where you are and where you need to be as a learner requires individual attention. From the moment you arrive until you graduate, your placement and progress will be evaluated by our staff. We counsel you in the present; we direct you for your future. We desire success in your collegiate and professional aspirations.

Airport Pick-up & Drop-off

Airport service is provided from Pearson International Airport in Toronto or vice-versa. Students must notify Cornerstone of their flight itinerary well in advance. Please note there is a separate charge for this

service.

Transportation

Toronto has extensive subway and bus lines to take you where you need to go quickly and easily. A monthly metropass will allow you to use the bus, subway, and streetcar without limitations.

Medical Insurance

It is mandatory for all students to have their own health care insurance policies with enough coverage to last the full length of their stay in Canada. However, in the case that they do not, Cornerstone will assist them in making the necessary arrangements.

Visa Information

Student Visa

A visa is needed by all international students who wish to study for longer than 6 months in Canada. Students must apply for a Student Authorization at a Canadian embassy or consulate before they leave for Canada. Authorization usually takes from 1 to 3 months to process. It is important that you plan ahead.

To apply for a Student Visa, you will need:

1. A current passport
2. An official Letter of Acceptance from Cornerstone Academic

College

3. Proof of sufficient funds for living expenses

4. In some countries, a medical examination is needed

* Please note: Full payment must be received one month before a Letter of Acceptance will be sent to you.

Visitor's Visa

When international travelers arrive at Pearson International Airport in Toronto, they are given a Port of Entry stamp on their passports. As a visitor, you are permitted to stay for 6 months. However, please note that this condition is not guaranteed and may be less than 6 months.

Working Holiday Visa

Students from countries participating in the Working Holiday Visa program are eligible to study full-time or part-time at Cornerstone Academic College for up to 6 months. Application for a Working Holiday Visa can be made at Canadian consulates or embassies in participating countries.

Student Visa Extension

Applications for visa extensions are given to eligible students on an individual basis upon successful completion of their program. Each applicant must meet with a Cornerstone counselor for consideration.

Other Visas

If you wish to travel to other countries when in Canada, including the USA, you will need to know the visa regulations that apply to you. You can find these by contacting the embassy or consulate of the corresponding country before you depart from your own country.

The Cornerstone Services



Homestay

Cornerstone's Canadian homestay program is designed to provide cultural exposure to Canadian family life in a warm and supportive environment. It is your home away from home. Your homestay family will provide you with friendship, care, and an ideal opportunity to use your English and experience Canadian culture. Cornerstone ensures quality homestays

Roomstay

Roomstay is an excellent option for independent students looking for more privacy. Similar to Homestay, students live in single or shared rooms with a communal kitchen for food preparation, a living room and a bathroom. This option does not include meals, making it a cheaper accommodation alternative.

Residence

➤ 89 Chestnut (University of Toronto) / May - August
A University of Toronto owned residence Located just north of City Hall. It is 15 minute away by TTC to Cornerstone and 5 minutes to Eaton Centre on foot. In the heart of downtown Toronto, 89 Chestnut Residence is a great place to

call home!

➤ New Horizons Tower

New Horizons Tower is a student residence that offers year round accommodation. Students staying here will have the luxury of an inclusive meal plan, private and shared bedrooms, lounge areas, as well as a great location that is close to school and downtown. This residence also offers weekly house keeping and security throughout the building so students can feel safe.

➤ CCNM

CCNM is located in the North part of the city; a 35-min subway ride away from Cornerstone. The residence is connected with Leslie Subway station. Each floor in the facility features 3 lounges with shared kitchenettes and a balcony, laundry facilities, linen services and 10 large washrooms.

➤ Tartu College Residence

Tartu College Residence is located in the Annex on the corners of Bloor and Madison. It is an independent residence, housing students from the University of Toronto, York University, Ryerson, George Brown and OCAD in an 18-storey building. Laundry facilities are on the 18th floor. Meal plans are available. There is a cafeteria on the main floor and a card can be purchased to add a meal plan.

** For more information, please contact our school housing department.



Toronto

The Largest City in Canada



If you ever want to see a city that is vibrant and full of life, look no further than the city of Toronto. The city streets teem with cafes, boutiques, restaurants, movie theatres, art galleries and museums. It is home to four major sports teams, the world's third largest theatre district, the world's second tallest free standing tower and a harbour on one of the Great Lakes in North America.

From historical sites to the great outdoors and all that is in between, Toronto has much to offer. While diverse and lively, Toronto is ranked by Fortune magazine as one of the safest and cleanest cities in North America. Canada is also heralded by the United Nations as one of the best countries in which to live and work.

Toronto is within driving distance from major cities in North America. New York, Boston, Montreal and Ottawa are only a short distance away via the train and bus.

Cornerstone is situated in the heart of downtown Toronto, in the prestigious & exciting Yorkville neighbourhood, surrounded by fashionable boutiques and trendy shops. The blocks that encircle Cornerstone feature the city's central library, major banks,

trendy cafes and many blocks of interesting shopping. Literally minutes away from major attractions, our students have easy access to explore the wonderful gifts of the city. To add to the convenience, our students can walk from the subway station directly to the school via underground walkways without setting foot outside.

Come and explore this rich city and learn at Cornerstone, a school that is dedicated to excellence.

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