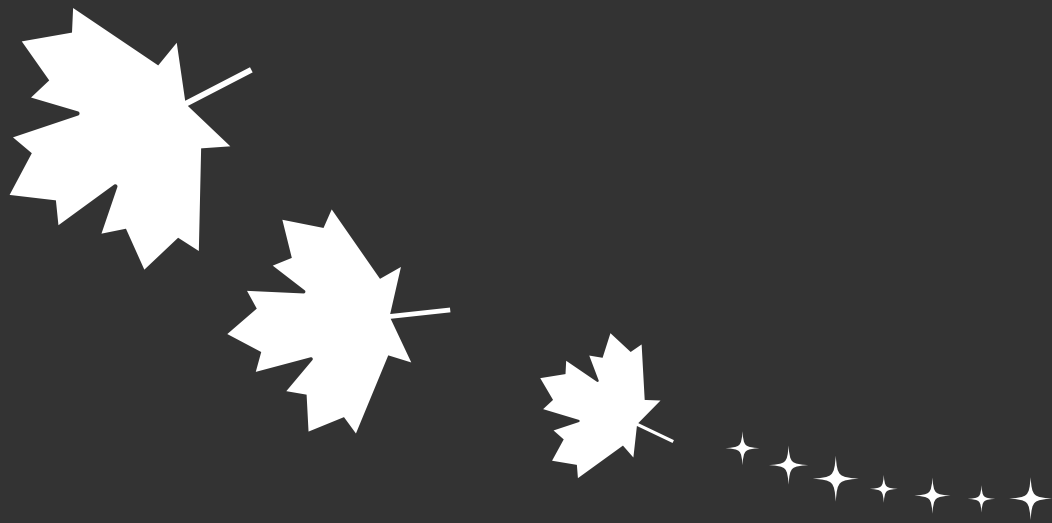




FAQs

Halifax Public School Parents' Program (PSPP)

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1. What is the Halifax Public School Parents' Program (PSPP)?

The PSPP is a unique program offered at CLLC Halifax that allows parents or guardians studying under a study permit to improve their English skills while their children attend public school in Halifax for free.

2. What are the class times for the PSPP?

CLLC's class times accommodate parents' schedules for dropping off and picking up their children from school:

9:15 AM - 11:00 AM: PSPP (General English | UPP)

11:10 AM - 12:55 PM: PSPP (General English | UPP)

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM: Plus One class

3. Is there a tuition fee for my child to attend Halifax public schools?

If you are studying under a study permit, your children can attend public schools in Halifax for free while you participate in the PSPP. Please refer to the HRCE website for detailed information regarding incidental fees (<https://www.hrce.ca/>).

4. Can I choose the type of English course I want to study?

Yes, you can choose between General English and/or the University Pathway Program (UPP) depending on your language ability and goals.

5. How long is the PSPP program?

Generally students enroll in the PSPP for a minimum of 40 weeks, allowing them to develop their English skills. Students can enroll in a longer or shorter period of time if desired, please consult your agency or CLLC staff for more details.

6. Can I take additional classes beyond the main PSPP schedule?

Yes, if the IELTS Preparation class is available, you can register for the class from 2:40 PM to 4:25 PM to further enhance your language and test-taking skills.

7. What level of English proficiency is required to join the program?

The program is designed for learners at various levels, so you can join whether you're a beginner or more advanced. You will take an assessment upon enrollment to determine your starting level.

8. How do I balance my study schedule with my child's school schedule?

The PSPP is designed specifically to accommodate parents. Class times are structured around school drop-off and pick-up schedules to make it easier for you to focus on your studies while ensuring your child's school routine is uninterrupted.

9. Is the PSPP available in other CLLC locations?

No, the PSPP is only offered at CLLC Halifax.

10. How do I apply for the PSPP?

To apply, you can contact CLLC Halifax directly for more details or visit their website to complete the application form.

11. What qualifications do I need to enroll in the PSPP?

You need to be a parent or legal guardian of a child who will be studying in public school in Halifax and successfully obtain a study permit to match their schooling time.

12. Can both parents enroll in the program if we have multiple children in public school?

Yes, both parents can enroll in the program. All public school aged children can attend Halifax public schools for free, as long as you are studying under a study permit.

13. What are the start dates for the PSPP? Can I join at any time, or are there specific enrollment periods?

You can start the program on any Monday. However, we typically recommend aligning your start date with the local public school calendar. Please note that the program does accommodate approved vacation requests during summer break, March Break, and Christmas to match with your children's school holidays.

14. What happens if my child becomes sick and I need to miss classes? Can I make up missed lessons?

Classes cannot be rescheduled or made up if missed. However, our teachers are always willing to provide you with the necessary materials and guidance to help you catch up if you miss a lesson.

15. Will there be any childcare options for parents with toddlers or younger children?

We do not offer childcare services on campus. However, there are numerous daycare options available throughout Nova Scotia, and we can assist with recommendations.

16. How will this program help improve my chances of applying for Permanent Residency (PR) or further studies in Canada?

Improving your English proficiency can enhance your chances of furthering your studies or applying for Permanent Residency. However, for specific advice regarding PR, it's best to consult with an immigration consultant or lawyer.

17. Are there any options for continuing my studies after completing the PSPP?

Absolutely! You can continue your language training at CLLC if you have not already done so, you can also further your education by pursuing professional or academic studies using the English skills you've developed. If you complete the University Pathway Program (UPP), you can directly enter one of our partner institutions.

18. Can I switch between General English, IELTS, and UPP courses during the program?

Yes, switching between courses may be possible based on your level and an assessment from our academic team. However, changes will depend on your progress and readiness, and will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Please keep in mind that IELTS preparation class is offered in a later schedule than the General English classes.

19. Are there any additional costs for textbooks or materials?

Yes, there are additional costs for textbooks and other course materials. Please check our website for the most up-to-date price list or contact us for more details.

20. How does the program accommodate parents with very young children who are not yet in school?

The program is designed to match public school schedules for parents with school-aged children. If you have younger children, you would need to make your own arrangements, though there are daycare and childcare services available in the local area.

21. How many students are typically in a PSPP class?

PSPP students are in classes with other CLLC students and classes usually consist of 10 to 15 students, ensuring a comfortable and interactive learning environment.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out to us at ivan@cllc.ca or visit our website at www.cllc.ca.