

# ELL Acronyms

Alberta Routes

Tip Sheet 15

| Category of terminology | Acronym | Definition   |
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| Assessment              | CELBAN  | <b>Canadian Language Benchmarks Assessment for Nurses.</b> A CLB (Canadian Language Benchmarks) language assessment developed specifically for nurses, required by nursing professional bodies. <a href="#">CELBAN</a>         |
|                         | CELPIP  | <b>Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program.</b> A computer-delivered, CLB-based test used for immigration, citizenship, and admission to educational institutions in Canada. <a href="#">CELPIP</a>                |
|                         | CLB     | <b>Canadian Language Benchmarks.</b> A national, 12-level descriptive scale of language ability in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Used for planning instruction, curricula, and assessment. <a href="#">CLB</a>    |
|                         | CLBPT   | <b>Canadian Language Benchmarks Placement Test.</b> An assessment instrument used by CLB-approved assessment centres.  |
|                         | IELTS   | <b>International English Language Testing System (UK) &amp; Test of English as a Foreign Language (USA).</b> The two internationally recognized tests are accepted as proof of language competency by educational institutions |
|                         | TOEFL   |  |

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|                |            | and for immigration and citizenship purposes. Both were originally developed to assess the language proficiency of international students wishing to enter their respective universities. <a href="#">IELTS</a> <a href="#">TESL</a>         |
| <b>Program</b> | <b>EAL</b> | <b>English as an Additional Language.</b> A term used interchangeably with ESL. For many immigrants to Canada, English is not a second language, but rather a third or even fourth. EAL was the term devised to better reflect the learners. |
|                | <b>EAP</b> | <b>English for Academic Purposes.</b> Refers to language training focusing on the language skills required for success in English-speaking academic contexts.  |
|                | <b>EFL</b> | <b>English as a Foreign Language.</b> English language training or learning that occurs in non-English speaking settings.  |
|                | <b>ELL</b> | <b>English Language Learner.</b> A term used interchangeably with ESL. As with EAL, a new terminology was needed since many immigrants coming to Canada are multilingual.  |
|                | <b>ESL</b> | <b>English as a Second Language.</b> A general term used to refer to English language training or learning that occurs in English-speaking settings.   |
|                | <b>ESP</b> | <b>English for Specific Purposes.</b> English language training or learning for specific purposes (e.g., English for Engineers).   |
|                | <b>EWP</b> | <b>English in the Workplace.</b> English language training or learning that is   |

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|                     |                    | specific to, and often occurs in a particular workplace.  |
|                     | <b>LINC</b>        | <b>Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada.</b> Free language training for adult permanent residents funded by the federal government. <a href="#">Govt. of Canada - LINC</a>                      |
| <b>Organization</b> | <b>ATESL</b>       | <b>Alberta Teachers of English as a Second Language.</b> A professional organization for teachers and programs providing ESL services for adult ESL learners in Alberta. <a href="#">ATESL</a>          |
|                     | <b>CALP</b>        | <b>Community Adult Learning Program.</b> Provincially funded organization offering community-based non-profit adult education programs, including classroom-based ESL programming. <a href="#">CALP</a> |
|                     | <b>CLN</b>         | <b>Community Learning Network. A</b> provincial non-profit association that supports CALPs (Community Adult Learning Program) by providing resources and training. <a href="#">CALP</a>                 |
|                     | <b>TESL Canada</b> | <b>Teachers of English as a Second Language.</b> Canada's national federation of English as a Second Language teachers, learners, and learner advocates. <a href="#">TESL</a>                           |

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