Cañada College
CBET/VESL English as a Second Language Program

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INFORMATION ON CBET

- We serve approximately 400-500 students per semester.
- 6 off-campus locations in Redwood City, East Palo Alto and Half-moon Bay.
- Free Babysitting available.
- Assistance with on-site registration and Financial Aid for those who qualify.

WHERE AND WHEN ARE COURSES OFFERED?

CBET/VESL courses are offered off-campus in the evenings (6-8pm, 8-10pm) at all sites except for Hoover, which host a morning class (9-11am) during the fall and spring semesters.

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WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS UPON COMPLETION OF THE CBET/VESL PROGRAM?

- Transition to the ESL Department on campus.
- Receive the English for the workforce award upon completing the VESL program.
- Continue on to other academic and career programs on campus.

WHO QUALIFIES FOR THE CBET/VESL PROGRAM?

- Must be 18 years or older.
- Must have lived in California for more than 1 year.
- CBET students must pledge to tutor school-aged children once their English is proficient.