

**Cañada College  
CBET/VESL English as a  
Second Language  
Program**



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***Community-Based  
English Tutoring  
(CBET) and  
Vocational ESL (VESL)  
Program***



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## WHAT IS CAÑADA'S CBET PROGRAM?

The CBET program is funded by proposition 227 and offers beginning level English as a Second Language (ESL) classes to parents and community members throughout California. The Cañada College CBET program is a collaboration between the San Mateo Community College District (SMCCD), the Redwood City School District (RCSD), Sequoia Union High School District (SUHSD) and Silicon Valley Community Founda-



### 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.



## WHAT IS THE VESL PROGRAM?

The Vocational English as a Second Language (VESL) Program is a new program within the CBET Program housed under the ESL Department at Cañada College. The VESL program provides language and computer skills classes for the workforce. The community-based VESL classes serve as a bridge to on-campus academic and career programs. This program has been made possible in part from a grant from Silicon Valley Community Foundation.

## 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.