

Subject: Important Update for International Students: PALs and NAIT ESL

Dear Students,

We would like to share how the recent updates from Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) might impact your study plans with the [NAIT ESL](#) program.

The IRCC has introduced measures to ensure international students like you receive the necessary support and maintain the high standards of education and services. For the most up-to-date details, please visit the [official IRCC website](#).

Unfortunately, NAIT ESL—like many other ESL providers— has not been allocated any Provincial Attestation Letters (PALs). This means that, unfortunately, we are unable to provide PALs to any new NAIT ESL international students at this time. However, those who applied for a study permit before January 22, 2024, or those who already hold a study permit, do not require a PAL and are welcome to study with us on campus.

Despite these challenges, we are excited to announce that international students can still pursue their education with NAIT ESL **online**. Starting from the Spring term in May 2024, international students studying from abroad will benefit from being charged domestic tuition fees, instead of international rates. Our online classes are now available at a **discounted rate of \$2,685**, significantly lower than the regular price of \$4,630.

The schedule for our online program will be:

**Spring term (May to August 2024) schedule:**

8 AM to 12 PM Mountain Time, Monday to Friday

In response to the needs of our international students abroad, we are pleased to introduce additional times in the upcoming terms:

**Fall Term (September – December 2024) schedule:**

8 AM to 12 PM Mountain Time, Monday to Friday or

6 PM to 10 PM Mountain Time, Monday to Friday.

The online program's structure is identical to that of our on-campus offerings, ensuring a comprehensive learning experience. Interacting with students from different countries, engaging in activities, and experiencing the Canadian classroom virtually will make your education not only more affordable and more convenient but also help ease culture shock for those wanting to come to Canada in the future. Gradually assimilating into our community through the online experience means some of the people you meet virtually will be the ones you will see on campus. Our lessons are structured to maximize engagement, with lots of opportunities for group work and interaction. Classes connect students globally and provide a rich learning environment.

Completing Level 6 of the online program **fulfills the English Language Proficiency (ELP) requirement** for applying to Degree, Diploma, and Certificate Programs (DDCP) at NAIT. You are also able to use your Level 6 mid-term marks to receive conditional admission into NAIT's DDCP program. This presents a

fantastic opportunity for you to save on tuition fees and living costs before transitioning to on-campus studies in Canada for a DDCP.

Next Steps:

**If you already have your study permit, or applied for a study permit prior to Jan 22, 2024:**

No further action is needed. You are welcome to join our classes in person on campus!

**If you have already paid your deposit for ESL and would like to be moved online at a reduced tuition fee:**

Please email [continuingeducation@nait.ca](mailto:continuingeducation@nait.ca)

**If you have already paid your deposit for ESL and would *not* like to take online courses, but would like a refund instead:**

Please email [continuingeducation@nait.ca](mailto:continuingeducation@nait.ca)

**If you are a new student who would like to enroll in ESL classes online:**

Please apply [here](#), pay the \$1000 deposit, and book a Placement Test.

We are committed to providing high-quality education and support to our international student community, regardless of the format. Your educational journey is important to us, and we are here to assist every step of the way.

For further inquiries or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at [continuingeducation@nait.ca](mailto:continuingeducation@nait.ca).