

PIRS Programs At-a-Glance | Spring 2024

Community English Classes

Beginner English program where participants practice and improve their English language skills, make friends, gain self-confidence, and learn more about Canada.

New Westminister

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
April 8 – June 17, 2024	Mondays & Tuesdays 9:30 am - 11:30 am	Holy Trinity Community Hall: 514 Carnarvon St, New Westminister	Zarina Ali (English/Dari/Farsi/Pashto) zali@pirs.bc.ca (778) 608 4285

Surrey

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
April 24 – June 13, 2024	Wednesdays & Thursdays 9:30 am - 11:30 am	Surrey Alliance Church: 13474 96 Ave, Surrey	Mariana Gassmann (English/Spanish) mgassmann@pirs.bc.ca (778) 608 4298

Adapt to Life in Canada

Food Skills for Immigrant and Refugee Women

Food and cooking program for newcomer women to learn about local food in Canada, try new recipes, learn nutritional knowledge and budgeting skills.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
May 1 – June 5, 2024	Wednesdays 10:30am - 1:30pm	Peace Church on 52nd 659 East 52nd Ave Vancouver	Teresa Tse (English/Cantonese/Mandarin) ttse@pirs.bc.ca (778) 608 4018

Women's Leadership and Development Programs | For immigrant and refugee women with Intermediate level of English

Early Childhood Education Assistant Training

Skill training program for immigrant and refugee women to become skilled and certified ECE Assistants. Includes 12 weeks of classroom learning and four weeks of on-the job experience with a local employer.

Eligibility: Canadian citizens, permanent residents, or protected persons, entitled to work in Canada; at least 18 years old and have SIN; living in BC; unemployed or precariously employed; CLB 6 English or above; able to pass Criminal Record Check, including vulnerable sector check.

<p><u>Dates</u> May 6 - August 23, 2024</p>	<p><u>Location</u> VCC Downtown Campus, 250 W Pender St, Vancouver</p>	<p><u>Contact</u> Alena Worster Email: contracttraining@vcc.ca Phone: (604) 443 8751</p>
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Pathways to Childcare Careers

Occupation-specific English training program at CLB 5 and 6 level for women interested in working in the **early learning and childcare field**. Includes 80-hour paid work experience placement, Responsible Adult / First Aid / Foodsafe certification.

Eligibility: permanent residents, convention refugees or protected persons, CUAET permit holders. Proof of COVID-19 vaccination required. Final acceptance is contingent on the Criminal Record Check clearance.

<p><u>Dates</u> April 18 – July 23, 2024</p>	<p><u>Time</u> Tuesday - Friday 9am - 2:30pm</p>	<p><u>Location</u> Online with some in-person sessions at 7485 Salisbury Ave, Burnaby</p>	<p><u>Contact</u> Arlene Ordonez Email: childcare@pirs.bc.ca Phone: (778) 608 4168</p>
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