



# International Finishing Trades Institute (iFTI)

## FTI 1005 Vocational English as a Second Language (VESL)

### Course Information

**Course Hours:** 32

**Course Description:** Vocational English as a Second Language is a 32-hr course designed to teach trainers the theory of how adult Limited English Proficient (LEP) students learn a second language. The course will give trainers specific techniques in English language assessment, pronunciation, spelling and use of new vocabulary. The course will also provide curricula for first year Paint, Drywall Finishing, Glazing and Floorcovering apprenticeship as well as OSHA 10 and other Safety training. Course participants will be required to build presentations in accordance with VESL learning objectives and to present those lessons to the entire class. This course will prepare participants to return to their training programs and teach LEP students in English. The techniques in this course can be used in everyday teaching of adult students.

### Course Objectives:

- Identify some characteristics and needs of adult English language learners.
- Identify key principles of communicative VESL instruction.
- Articulate relevant characteristics and impacts of immigration to the United States.
- Identify and demonstrate instructional techniques utilized in the IUPAT VESL modules.
- Use techniques to improve his or her own comprehensibility in any interaction with a Limited English Proficient union member.
- Describe the most popular and effective current VESL program models in the trades.
- Conduct a needs analysis as an essential first step in the VESL program development.
- Articulate his or her own goals and plan for utilizing VESL and/or addressing language-related needs at the local level.

**Prerequisite/s:** None

### Instructor



**Course Lead:** Amber Rodriguez

**Resume Link:** <https://iftiims.org/faculty/amber-gallup-rodriquez/>

### Policies and Procedures

#### COE Accreditation

The International Finishing Trades Institute (iFTI) is [accredited](#) by the Commission of the Council on Occupational Education ([COE](#)) and is entitled to the recognition and associated privileges of this designation. Accreditation is a status granted to an educational institution or program that has been found to meet or exceed stated criteria of educational quality and student achievement. Accreditation by COE is viewed as a



nationally-honored seal of excellence for occupational education institutions and denotes honesty and integrity.

### **iFTI Course Catalog**

For a complete list of iFTI course offerings, please refer to the [iFTI Course Catalog](#).

### **Diversity Statement**

The iFTI champions [diversity in the workplace](#) and committed in building an inclusive culture. We believe that every person, regardless of attributes such as race, gender or sexual orientation, has an equal opportunity to find employment based on merit or while in training or the workplace. Although our union is more diverse than ever, we still have so much work to do.

### **Policies and Procedures**

The campus policies and procedures are found in the [Student Handbook](#).

### **Travel and Lodging Reservations**

Upon the receipt of the final class registration confirmation and course schedule, you will be advised to call Metropolitan Travel Service to obtain the best coach fare ticket. No air travel costs will be reimbursed if not made through Metropolitan Travel.

If you will be driving to the event, send your anticipated arrival and departure dates and times, so appropriate hotel reservations can be made. Hotel reservations will be made on your behalf after the iFTI receives your final travel itinerary.

Travel and lodging reservations will be direct billed to the iFTI. If regionally appropriate for you to drive your vehicle, the iFTI will reimburse mileage at \$.30/mile (not to exceed the lowest 30-day advance airfare, or the shortest route as determined by Google Maps). iFTI is not financially responsible for any costs associated with travel, lodging, meals or incidentals for accompanying guest(s).

In the event you must cancel, the iFTI and Metropolitan Travel Service must be notified within 7 days of the travel date or the District Council/Local Union will be responsible for any cancellation fees.

### **Dress Code**

The dress code for iFTI classes in Hanover, Maryland is casual. Clothing should be neat, clean, and well-kept. Please no shorts, flip flops, sleeveless shirts, worn tennis shoes, sweatpants, sweatshirts, jeans with holes, rips, tears or any clothing that contains inappropriate language or that could be offensive. If you will be delivering a presentation / teach back, please dress in a professional manner.

Please call the iFTI at 410.564.5850 with any questions or concerns.