



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
Department of Education

**DATE:** July 20, 2018  
**TO:** Division Superintendents  
**FROM:** James F. Lane, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
**SUBJECT:** **Expediting Reading Comprehension for English Language Learners (ExC-ELL)**

As part of the Virginia Department of Education's ongoing effort to support school division personnel in planning and implementing evidence-based instructional strategies and programs for English Learners (ELs), the training opportunities below are being offered to educators of ELs. These two-day trainings have been developed and will be presented by Dr. Margarita Calderón & Associates.

Training Topics, Dates, and Times	Training Locations
<b><i>Early Language and Literacy: Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and First Grade via ExC-ELL</i></b> Monday and Tuesday, October 22-23, 2018 8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*	The Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center 110 Shenandoah Avenue Roanoke, Virginia 24016 (540) 985-5900
<b><i>ExC-ELL 101</i></b> Thursday and Friday, October 25-26, 2018 8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*	DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Charlottesville 990 Hilton Heights Road Charlottesville, Virginia 22901 (434) 973-2121
<b><i>Teaching and Reaching Newcomers via ExC-ELL</i></b> Monday and Tuesday, October 29-30, 2018 8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*	The Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center 110 Shenandoah Avenue Roanoke, Virginia 24016 (540) 985-5900
<b><i>ExC-ELL 101: Training of Trainers (TOT)</i></b> Thursday and Friday, November 1-2, 2018 8 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*	Omni Charlottesville Hotel 212 Ridge McIntire Road Charlottesville, Virginia 22903 (434) 971-5500

\*Registration and breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m.

**Registration and Lodging:** The Office of Continuing and Professional Education at Virginia Tech will manage online registration and lodging. A limited block of hotel rooms for participants outside of a fifty mile radius of the training location will be provided. Lodging reservations will be made during the online registration process.

**The deadline for registration and lodging is September 19, 2018.**

*Early Language and Literacy: Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and First Grade via ExC-ELL* is intended for educators of ELs in pre-kindergarten through first grade. This two-day training will engage participants in research-based strategies to increase early language and literacy skills. Please [register and reserve your lodging room, if needed, online at https://register.cpe.vt.edu/search/publicCourseSearchDetails.do?method=load&courseId=1080246&selectedProgramAreaId=24508&selectedProgramStreamId=24521](https://register.cpe.vt.edu/search/publicCourseSearchDetails.do?method=load&courseId=1080246&selectedProgramAreaId=24508&selectedProgramStreamId=24521) ➡

*ExC-ELL 101* is intended for educators of ELs in grades 2 through 12. The two-day training will present, model, and engage participants in research-based instructional strategies for integrating academic language, reading comprehension, and writing strategies into the content areas. **Participants should be first time attendees.** Please [register and reserve your lodging room, if needed, online at https://register.cpe.vt.edu/search/publicCourseSearchDetails.do?method=load&courseId=1080774&selectedProgramAreaId=24508&selectedProgramStreamId=24521](https://register.cpe.vt.edu/search/publicCourseSearchDetails.do?method=load&courseId=1080774&selectedProgramAreaId=24508&selectedProgramStreamId=24521) ➡

*Teaching and Reaching Newcomers via ExC-ELL* is intended for educators of ELs in grades 2 through 12. **Participants must have attended ExC-ELL 101 training and have implemented the strategies in their classrooms.** The two-day training will present, model, and engage participants in research-based instructional strategies for integrating academic language, reading comprehension, and writing strategies into the content areas to assist newcomer ELs in mastering academic content. Please [register and reserve your lodging room, if needed, online at https://register.cpe.vt.edu/search/publicCourseSearchDetails.do?method=load&courseId=1081365&selectedProgramAreaId=24508&selectedProgramStreamId=24521](https://register.cpe.vt.edu/search/publicCourseSearchDetails.do?method=load&courseId=1081365&selectedProgramAreaId=24508&selectedProgramStreamId=24521) ➡

*ExC-ELL 101: Training of Trainers (TOT)* is intended for educators of ELs in grades 2 through 12. **Participants must have attended ExC-ELL 101 training and implemented the strategies in their classrooms.** The two-day training will present, model, and engage participants in training staff at their respective schools on research-based instructional strategies for integrating academic language, reading comprehension, and writing strategies into the content areas. Please [register and reserve your lodging room, if needed, online at https://register.cpe.vt.edu/search/publicCourseSearchDetails.do?method=load&courseId=1081712&selectedProgramAreaId=24508&selectedProgramStreamId=24521](https://register.cpe.vt.edu/search/publicCourseSearchDetails.do?method=load&courseId=1081712&selectedProgramAreaId=24508&selectedProgramStreamId=24521) ➡

**Authorized Expenses:** Evening meals, parking, and travel costs are the responsibility of attendees; however, these expenses are authorized activities and may be charged to local Title I, Part A; Title I, Part C; Title II, Part A; or Title III, Part A budgets. Materials, breakfast, and lunch will be provided.

**Cancellation:** If participants need to cancel their hotel reservations, please contact Christy Wallace, the Virginia Tech registrar, **no later than October 15, 2018**, at [wallacec@vt.edu](mailto:wallacec@vt.edu) ✉ or (540) 231-6735. Failure to advise the registrar in advance of cancellation may result in lodging charges to the attendee.

For questions, please contact Dr. Lynn Sodat at [Lynn.Sodat@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Lynn.Sodat@doe.virginia.gov) or 804-225-2870.

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