

# CAREER ENGLISH PROGRAM





# PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Career English Program is designed for students who want to improve their English skills in a professional environment.

#### **BENEFITS**

The Career English Program provides the following:

- English proficiency/needs assessment via Skype prior to arrival
- 6 weeks of intensive English classes
- Improvement of written and spoken skills in English
- The opportunity to learn and use American English expressions and idioms
- Experience interviewing (in English!)
- Company placement based on your fields of interest
- Real-life English practice outside of the classroom
- Regular communication with the Career English Coordinator after placement
- Close contact with American professionals
- An in-depth understanding of American business practices, etiquette, and values
- A chance to improve your résumé in today's competitive job market
- Our CE students get a certificate and a letter of recommendation from the company

#### PROGRAM DETAILS

#### Weeks I-6: Standard English Course

In the Standard Course, students receive intensive English classes (Monday-Friday, 9 am to 12:40 pm) focused on English grammar, speaking, reading, writing, and listening. Students with an F-I Student Visa must add an afternoon elective (Conversational English, English for Academic Purposes and Business English Monday-Thursday 1:30pm-3:10pm). Daily contact with an English speaking instructor ensures that students have the language skills necessary to participate in the American workforce. Students work closely with the CISL Career English Coordinator (providing three fields of interest, writing a cover letter and résumé and interviewing with companies) to secure an unpaid volunteer position in an American business that meets their personal interests and career goals. This is not a job training program or an internship.

### Weeks 7-14: Career English Placement

Students spend 20-40 hours per week (depending on student availability) at their new company, where they participate in business activities while practicing their English in a professional setting. The Career English Coordinator closely monitors student progress throughout the course and provides an official CISL Career English certificate once the course is successfully completed. Our CE students get a certificate and a letter of recommendation from the company.



#### HOW TO ENROLL

#### **Current CISL Students**

Schedule a meeting with the Career English Coordinator and begin your journey!

#### **Future CISL Students**

Contact the CISL San Diego Registrar to begin the registration process, and be sure to mention your interest in this particular program.

# REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for the Career English Program, students must:

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Have an English proficiency level of at least CISL Intermediate (BI+)
- Enroll in a minimum of 6 weeks CISL courses (specific course is the student's choice)
- Provide course tuition + Career English Fee
- Possess at least one year of experience or education in the desired field
- Commit to the hours required by their host company program details

# PROGRAM FIELDS INCLUDE

- Architecture
- Law
- Advertising
- Marketing
- The Arts

- Non-Profit
- Public Relations
- Computers
- Travel & Tourism

Through the internship I have learned many things about the American culture and experienced what it feels to work in an office environment. I would also like to thanks Converse School for introducing me to this great opportunity in which I have developed myself both academically, professionally and socially. I highly recommend CISL, specially the internship programe to those who want to improve their English more professionally." INÉS, SPAIN



# SCHEDULE & PRICE INFORMATION

Program	Course Description	Start Dates	Weeks	Placement Fee
Career English	6+ weeks English classes** followed by 6-8 weeks placement with a local business.	Any Monday	6 - 8	\$1,350

<sup>\*</sup> Placement between December 15 and January 15 is limited. This is not an internship. \*\*Standard English or equivalent program priced separately.



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