

## CORE QUESTIONS

The following sets of questions may help assessors, teachers, caseworkers, settlement workers and other service providers better understand the learner/client as they explore adult education options together. The questions look to clarify Prior Learning, Academic Needs and Client Goals. It should be understood that the Core Questions are intended to be part of the natural flow of conversation and may complement the intuitive approach people already use as they conduct their exploration of needs and possible next steps.

### *Core Questions: Prior Learning* \*

**\*Note:** In determining a learner’s prior learning, it may be evident that language training is a more immediate need. In this case, use the “Academic Needs Core Questions” below to begin conversation.

<b>Question</b>	<b>Relevant for...</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Where did you learn English? How?	Newcomer, Settled Immigrant
<input type="checkbox"/> Have you had an English language assessment done?	Newcomer, Settled Immigrant, Generation 1.5
<input type="checkbox"/> Have you taken English classes in Canada before? (When? Where?)	Newcomer, Settled Immigrant
<input type="checkbox"/> Which English courses did you take (i.e. ESL, ESL credit; senior English)?	Newcomer, Settled Immigrant, Generation 1.5
<input type="checkbox"/> Do you have any certificates, diplomas, or degrees earned outside Canada?	Newcomer, Settled Immigrant
<input type="checkbox"/> Where did you get your credentials (i.e. which country, career related, high school, college, or university)?	Newcomer, Settled Immigrant
<input type="checkbox"/> What did you study outside of Canada?	Newcomer, Settled Immigrant
<input type="checkbox"/> Do you have any certificates, diplomas, or degrees from Canada? What type (i.e. certificate/diploma/degree; from which institution; which level)?	All learners
<input type="checkbox"/> What is the highest education level you have completed (e.g. no school, primary school, some high school, completed high school, college, university, other)?	All learners
<input type="checkbox"/> What other training or experience do you bring (e.g. family, volunteer, work, workshops, own a business, interests)?	All learners
<input type="checkbox"/> Describe your previous school experience (home country and/or Canada; what was easy/difficult?).	All learners

## Core Questions: Academic Needs

<b>Question</b>	<b>Relevant for...</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Is English your mother tongue?	Newcomers, Settled Immigrants, Generation 1.5
<input type="checkbox"/> How comfortable are you in speaking English?	Newcomers, Settled Immigrants
<input type="checkbox"/> How comfortable are you reading English?	Newcomers, Settled Immigrants, Generation 1.5
<input type="checkbox"/> How comfortable are you writing English?	Newcomers, Settled Immigrants, Generation 1.5
<input type="checkbox"/> How comfortable are you understanding English?	Newcomers, Settled Immigrants
<input type="checkbox"/> Can you read/write in your own language?	Newcomers, Settled Immigrants
<input type="checkbox"/> Are you a Canadian citizen?	Newcomers, Settled Immigrants
<input type="checkbox"/> How long have you been in Canada?	Newcomers, Settled Immigrants
<input type="checkbox"/> How old are you?	All learners
<input type="checkbox"/> Where would you prefer to study (i.e. geographical region)?	All learners
<input type="checkbox"/> What is the best time for you to participate in school (i.e. schedule)?	All learners
<input type="checkbox"/> What type of learning class do you prefer (e.g. 1-on-1; small group; class; online)?	All learners
<input type="checkbox"/> How do you learn best (i.e. by seeing, doing, or hearing?)	All learners
<input type="checkbox"/> Is there anything that will affect you attending school (e.g. employment, learning disability, physical disability, illness etc.)?	All learners
<input type="checkbox"/> Are there other things you need help with to make it easier for you to be in school? (i.e. housing, food, counselling, employment etc.)	All learners

## Core Questions: Goals

<b>Question</b>	<b>Relevant for...</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Why would you like to go to school?	All learners
<input type="checkbox"/> Have you talked to anybody about what you want to do if you go back to school?	All learners
<input type="checkbox"/> What kind of school are you looking for? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ English language (spoken)?</li> <li>○ To improve reading English?</li> <li>○ To improve writing English?</li> <li>○ To develop workplace skills?</li> <li>○ College?</li> <li>○ University?</li> <li>○ Skills Training?</li> </ul>	All learners
<input type="checkbox"/> What learning activities would you like to do?* *May allow learner to further explain type of adult education needed.	All learners
<input type="checkbox"/> Do you want to get ready for a job? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What kind of job?</li> </ul>	All learners
<input type="checkbox"/> Are you looking for a specific program/certificate/diploma/degree (e.g. high school, GED, TOEFL etc.)?	All learners
<input type="checkbox"/> If you could have the perfect school experience, what would that look and feel like?	All learners
<input type="checkbox"/> Is there something we did not talk about school that you want to add?	All learners
<input type="checkbox"/> Is there something else that you would like to do in school?	All learners