The English as a Second Language (ESL) program is for permanent residents and immigrants who are non-native speakers of English who need further development of their English language skills to pursue college course work at Leeward Community College (CC). Students are tested and placed into the ESL program at the Beginning, Intermediate, High Intermediate, or Advanced level.

In addition to classroom instruction in the English language and study skills, peer tutoring in the Writing Center and personal conferences with an ESL instructor are offered at all levels of this program. The College also offers an Intensive English Program for non-native English speaking students through the English Language Institute; see: https://catalog.leeward.hawaii.edu/english-language-institute-eli